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Source: CNMI Department of Public Health, World Health Organization

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Filipino inmates who shot to global fame with a YouTube video pay tribute to their idol, Michael Jackson.

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Heinz-Arnold rules GOP primary

GOP PRIMARY RESULTS
Saturday June 27, 2009

PRECINCT	1A	1B	1C	2	3A	3B	4A	4B	4C	5	6	7	N.I.	TOTAL
Heinz-Arnold	217	485	281	318	180	564	118	112	80	509	259	194	65	3,382
Juan-Galvin	172	495	203	192	140	385	191	178	66	475	146	302	41	2,986

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, right, and running mate, House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios, left, along with their wives Wella Palacios and Susan Hofschneider celebrate after the Heinz-Arnold tandem won 53 percent of the 6,368 votes cast over former Gov. Juan N. Babauta and his running mate, Board of Education member Galvin S. Deleon Guerrero, during Saturday's Republican gubernatorial primary. Other picture shows Babauta congratulating Hofschneider.

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The team of Heinz Hofschneider and Arnold Palacios surged ahead by a 396-vote margin in Saturday's primary to beat the Juan Babauta-Galvin Deleon Guerrero tandem and become the standard-bearer of the Republic Party this November.

Hofschneider's team garnered a total of 3,382 votes against the opposing tandem's 2,986 votes.

A total of 6,368 votes were counted during the primary poll, which translates to 58 percent of the party's total target of 11,000.

The winning tandem got its biggest support from Precinct 1 (San Vicente, San Antonio, and Koblerville areas), with a total of 983 votes won against the Babauta team's 870.

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Budget bill does not bar Gitmo detainees from U.S. territories

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A $106 billion national spending bill that was passed by the U.S. House and Senate last week bars the hosting of Guantanamo Bay detainees in any of the U.S. states and the District of Columbia, but not in the CNMI and other U.S. territories.

The Supplemental War Appropriation, H.R. 2346, is now on President Obama's desk for action. The bill includes about $80 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Because this provision seemed to mean that the U.S.

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NMC alumni president quits

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After three successive resignations of key employees at the Northern Marianas College, another one quit his post last Friday, this time the college's Alumni Association president.

Jesse Torres tendered his resignation to the group and the NMC Foundation, saying he could not deal anymore with top officials of the college.

"I have resigned because I do not want to deal with Dr. Fernandez after all that has been

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High court urged to affirm release of OGA docs

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Rep. Tina Sablan has asked the CNMI Supreme Court to reconsider its order to grant the petition of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos to put on hold a trial court's order that would require them to turn over documents related to the lawsuit against federalization.

In a motion filed Friday, Sablan asked the high court to affirm the decision of Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman that ordered the release of documents that show how the CNMI government is paying for the lawsuit it filed against the federal government to oppose federalization.

By reconsidering its order, the high court "would uphold the rule of law and the…legislative intent of the Open Government Act to provide the people of the CNMI with the tools to remain informed and retain control over the government that serves them," said Sablan in the motion she filed without a lawyer.

Sablan

Wiseman ordered Fitial and Inos last June 18 to provide Sablan with documents showing how much taxpayers money had been spent, how much U.S.-based law firm Jenner and Block is billing the CNMI, and the identity of the source of the money being used in the lawsuit against federalization.

Wiseman ordered Fitial and Inos to release within 48 hours all requested documents—except the engagement letter and detailed invoices—to Sablan.

Fitial and Inos, through acting Attorney General Brad Huesman, immediately appealed the order to the CNMI Supreme Court. Huesman also filed in the Superior Court a motion for a stay of the order, pending their appeal.

Wiseman denied the motion on June 19.

"There is no probability that opening the records will result in damage, let alone significant damage," said Wiseman in a written order.

But that same day, June 19, the CNMI Supreme Court granted Fitial's and Inos' petition for a stay of Wiseman's orders. The high court gave Fitial and Inos until July 2 to file their pleadings.

In her motion for reconsideration, Sablan argued that under Commonwealth law, the CNMI Supreme Court should not stay the release of court-ordered documents "unless the court determines that there is a substantial probability that opening the records for inspection will result in significant damage."

At present, Sablan said, the record is devoid of any finding of "substantial probability" or evidence of "significant damage."

"Absent these mandatory and prerequisite findings, the instant stay clearly violates applicable and binding Commonwealth law and therefore must be lifted," Sablan said.

She pointed out that public policy favoring the spirit of transparency compels the high court to end the secrecy and compel reasonable disclosure.

Sablan said Fitial and Inos merely reiterated before the high court "stale arguments" that have already been rejected by Wiseman, ignoring facts that render those arguments illogical, and ask for more time to perfect their appeal.

The lawmaker said that Fitial and Inos have also failed to produce any evidence within the 48-hour timeframe established by law "that there is a substantially probability of significant damage in disclosure."

"There should be no further delays in disclosure and the documents should be released in accordance with the trial court's order," Sablan said.

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2 more sue over nonpayment of retirement benefits

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Two retired government employees have filed a lawsuit in federal court against the CNMI over alleged nonpayment of their retirement benefits.

Maryland-based lawyer Bruce L. Jorgensen is representing the plaintiffs, whose identities have been withheld for fear of retaliation and persecution.

The plaintiffs also named as co-defendants in the lawsuit the U.S. government and 200 unnamed others in their official and personal capacities.

The plaintiffs asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order the defendants to pay them damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

The plaintiffs sued the defendants for deprivation of federally protected property rights/interests, violation of U.S. civil rights, conspiracy, breach of fiduciary duty/constructive fraud, and misrepresentation.

Jorgensen asked the court to issue a declaration holding CNMI Public Law 15-15 unlawful under U.S. law as it violates rights and protections guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

P.L. 15-15, signed into law by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in June 2006, authorizes the suspension of CNMI payments owed the Retirement Fund during a portion of fiscal year 2006 and during all of 2007.

Jorgensen asked the court to compel U.S. officials, including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Office of the U.S. Inspector General, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to begin an investigation whether federal laws and regulations have been violated by the CNMI defendants on the following issues:

■ Diversion of CNMI-owed-payments to the Retirement Fund, including but not limited to diversion of U.S. grant funds paid by grantees to the CNMI for contribution to the Fund.

■ Diversion of CNMI funds lawfully owed the Fund for other purposes, including co-matching Capital Improvement Funds arrears.

■ Unlawful misconduct relating to business, financial, securities, intrastate and interstate financial dealing by and between the Fund, Bank of Saipan, and others.

Jorgensen stated in the complaint that as early as Sept. 12, 2003, with follow-up on Feb. 6, 2004 and May 19, 2004, concerns were expressed to U.S. and CNMI officials about the possibility of activities that could negatively affect retirees and the public.

These concerns, the lawyer said, arose from the dwindling worth of the Fund and diversion of CNMI funds that should have been paid to the Fund. He said this included U.S. funding sources.

To date, Jorgensen said, the CNMI has opted to direct payment of funds to many entities and persons, including the hiring and funding of new employees, rather than paying outstanding and long delinquent debt to the Fund for the benefit of Fund beneficiaries, including plaintiffs.

Jorgensen said that by passing P.L. 15-15 and fraudulent Bank of Saipan dealings, failing to pay and bring current obligations to the Fund and the unlawful conduct of defendants "have deprived plaintiffs and similarly situated others of property rights and interests of substantial worth in violation of U.S. constitutional protections."

Former senator Thomas P. Villagomez recently filed a lawsuit in federal court against the NMI Retirement Fund for allegedly refusing to pay his retirement benefits.

Malinda S. Matson, a former employee of the Northern Marianas College, also recently filed a lawsuit in federal court against the CNMI government and the Retirement Fund over the denial of her retirement benefits.

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Precinct 3's Garapan and Oleai villages also boosted the team's margin, with Hofschneider getting 744 votes over 525 for Babauta.

Precinct 2, which covers the Chalan Kanoa and Susupe areas, also favored the Heinz-Arnold team with 318, against the opponent's 192.

Voters swung the other way in Precinct 4 (Tanapag, San Roque, and Capital Hill areas), with Babauta and Deleon Guerrero receiving 435 votes over the Hofschneider team's 310.

Babauta also ruled Precinct 7, garnering 302 votes over Hofschneider's 194.

The emerging communities of Kagman (Precinct 5) went the other way, with Hofschneider getting 509 votes against the opposing team's 475.

Precinct 6 and Northern Islands voters cemented the victory of the Heinz-Arnold tandem, giving it 259 and 65 votes respectively, as opposed to Babauta's 146 and 41.

Supporters of both camps began trooping to polling places like Garapan and San Vicente elementary schools as early as 6:45am to cast their votes. Both schools registered their first voters at exactly 7am, according to poll supervisors.

GOP chair Ed Tenorio said he is elated with the turnout and optimistic that the "pretty good outcome" will continue through the general election.

"We're very satisfied with the turnout! These 6,000 voters in the primary is a very significant figure and convey a very strong message to the GOP. We thank the public for their participation, the volunteers, and both camps for a successful election for the party," Tenorio said.

'Manual count'

Ballots started coming in at 6pm at the Multi-Purpose Center. To ensure the smooth flow in the manual counting of ballots, tabulators for each precinct segregated the materials before the final assessment of the committee's central election board.

The results were certified and announced by party officials at 8:10pm.

Tenorio said the local party spent over $20,000 for the primary election.

There were nearly 14,000 registered voters in the CNMI as of last week.

The GOP chairman said the 6,000 who voted in the primary indicates the good chance of the local party in November's general election where three other teams will vie for the governor and lieutenant governor positions.

"This only shows that GOP is still a strong party…if all members will unite as a family. There's no doubt GOP will rule!" he said.

Saturday's primary excluded absentee voters but was participated in by some members of other political parties such as Democrat and Covenant.

Democrat Party supporter John Brown, 57, said he was inspired to participate in the GOP primary to help the CNMI choose the best candidates.

The Democrats have no official standard-bearer for the top two positions.

'Major votes received in first two hours'

Ramon Cabrera, polling supervisor for San Vicente, told *Saipan Tribune* the precinct had the biggest group of voters within the first two hours of the election.

As of 8am, San Vicente Elementary School already registered over a hundred voters, reaching nearly 700 by 2pm. Cabrera said they expected about 1,800 voters.

Evelyn Takai, 45, who cast her vote with family members, said they are committed to support whoever wins the primary.

"We're voting as a family…and like the GOP, we're intending to support whoever is endorsed by 'our family,'" she told *Saipan Tribune*. She refused to disclose whom she voted for.

The four candidates cast their votes at the Garapan Elementary School, with the team of Babauta and Deleon Guerrero the first to cast their ballots at 7:30am. Palacios, along with his wife, voted an hour later. Hofschneider cast his vote an hour before the closing of polling places.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Bo Palacios helps carry in the ballot boxes during Saturday's counting of the votes at the Multi-Purpose Center.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Republican Party members and officers manually count 6,368 votes in a little over an hour during the party's gubernatorial primary on Saturday night at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Garapan polling supervisors Joe Salas and Jessica Deleon Guerrero, who described the primary as "very smooth, quiet, and satisfying," said about 700 had voted as of 3pm Saturday.

Garapan voter Jullie Cunanan admitted that, although the primary election is an important exercise, her family will vote for the candidate of other parties if their choice for the primary doesn't win.

"At least we showed our support to the party…but it is our decision to vote for the candidates of other parties in case our choice today doesn't make it," she told *Saipan Tribune.*

In Oleai Elementary, polling supervisors Antonio Mareham and Alice Deleon Guerrero said their area had only 257 voters as of 3pm Saturday.

Voter Lucy Rosario, from Oleai, said the Hofschneider-Palacios team had the more "realistic" platform. "I believe in their platform…that's why I supported them. But I will give my full support to whoever wins this primary and is endorsed as the party's candidate," she said.

'Nervous all day'

A first-timer in the primary election, Hofschneider admitted that he was nervous all day.

"This is my very first time to get into the primary…and it was an uneasy feeling. To be perfectly honest, I was nervous all day," he told *Saipan Tribune* after speaking to supporters in the victory party that saw the attendance of hundreds of community members.

"Although I feel confident that I have done what it takes in the last four months, it was the anticipation that made me nervous," he added.

Hofschneider and Palacios, along with their wives, and committee-to-elect chair Tom Pangelinan thanked the crowd for their full support.

The GOP's gubernatorial candidate described the primary election as a "Republican family thing" that was decided in a democratic way.

"I am happy the primary is over and we're thankful not only to the GOP members but to the general public who came out and voted. I saw today that it didn't really matter if you're a Republican or not…people want change and they have spoken!" he said.

Hofschneider described the over 6,000 votes as a "clear and loud" message to the Commonwealth.

Earlier in the day, Hofschneider and Babauta met at a polling place where they reiterated their commitment to a "clean" primary election.

"I thank and respect John and Galvin for keeping it clean…and we welcome their entire group to join and merge with our team to build upon and make it a success in the November election," he said.

Hofschneider plans to take a week's rest after Saturday's victory. "Then I will get back on the street and the community," he added.

He cited five areas as among the top concerns in the GOP's platform—economy, utilities, job opportunities, healthcare, and education.

Palacios said he was "very happy and very humbled" by their victory and expressed his appreciation and respect to both Babauta and Deleon Guerrero, whom he described as "true gentlemen."

'No plan yet'

Babauta said he has no plans yet to run for any other office at this time.

"I haven't gotten to that point yet," he told *Saipan Tribune* when asked if he is thinking of running for a seat in the Legislature.

Babauta, along with Deleon Guerrero, spoke to their supporters at their headquarters upon hearing the result.

"I extend my congratulations to them [Heinz-Arnold] for winning this primary election by a sizeable margin. I respect that… and the people had spoken. I ask my supporters that, in keeping with my agreement and promise we made to support whoever wins, I am keeping with that promise and will give my full support to the GOP candidates in the November election," he said.

Hofschneider and Palacios arrived at the Babauta-Deleon Guerrero headquarters at 9:45pm to symbolically reunify the party. Both camps addressed Babauta's supporters.

Galvin Deleon Guerrero, in his message to the crowd, said he respects the people's decision and vowed to support the winning tandem.

"Whether it is blue or red…better not make it green this November!" he told the crowd.

Also seen in the emotional "reunification" of GOP members was Rep. Diego Benavente, who vocally endorsed Babauta in the primary election.

"For the party, I am happy it's over," he said, adding that as a loyal supporter of the GOP he will fully support its decision in the November election.

Benavente, a former lieutenant governor, will seek re-election for a Precinct 1 seat at the House. Prior to becoming the second top official in government, he served 12 consecutive years in the Legislature.

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territories were not given equitable treatment I, along with the other four insular area representatives, wrote to President Barrack Obama in protest," Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" C. Sablan said.

A copy of the actual letter sent by the delegates of the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa and Puerto Rico to Obama has yet to be received from the office of Sablan.

Sablan, however, said that he and the other delegates successfully backed a provision in the 2010 Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, H.R. 2996, that specifically prohibits using funds for release of persons held at Guantanamo into the CNMI, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, or Puerto Rico.

He added that the delegates also backed a provision in the 2010 Homeland Security Appropriation, H.R. 2892, that requires that each individual considered for transfer to the continental U.S. or the U.S. territories is first subject to a threat assessment.

One of the CNMI's neighbor, Palau, has agreed to take in Uighur detainees from the Guantanamo Bay prison. The Uighurs, Muslim separatists from western China, have been judged not to be enemy combatants or not a threat to the United States but Congress won't allow them to settle in the U.S.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial earlier said, "If all those Muslims are God loving and law abiding and not terrorist, I support (it)," referring to the possibility of the CNMI hosting Guantanamo detainees.

Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) earlier broached the idea of the CNMI hosting the detainees from Guantanamo Bay in light of Obama's decision to close the detention facility within the year, but the issue has not been pursued.

NMC

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going on at NMC," Torres told *Saipan Tribune* Friday.

He said that, although he wants to be of service to the college, the way things are going with the management and the Board of Regents has discouraged him.

"I would like to be more involved, but simply do not want to deal with her or the Board of Regents," he said.

Torres earlier filed a grievance against Dr. Carmen Fernandez for her "hiring practices" when he was denied a position that he said he was qualified and eligible for.

Saipan Tribune learned that Torres was initially informed by the college's human resource office about his eligibility to a position but this was later rejected by the president despite the committee's recommendation to interview Torres for the post.

Torres' grievance was the latest of a string of complaints against the college management's hiring practices.

"There are grievances filed over their hiring practices. A big concern is how Dr. Fernandez overlooks the recommendations of the interview committee, which is made up of different department staff," the former alumni president said.

Torres described the president's action a waste of the applicant's and personnel's time and the process with which applicants go through seems to be done only as a formality.

"[The president] treats certain staff better than others," he added.

Torres also expressed his dismay over Fernandez's new four-year contract, from the previous two-year employment term.

"Unfortunately, the board has renewed her for four more years. I hope that the board members get replaced by true leaders who are concerned about the overall well-being of our only college on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. I believe there are plenty of better selections out there for the Board of Regents and the president's positions. We need to raise our standards on Saipan," Torres added.

NMC has yet to issue a statement on Torres' resignation since Friday.

New regs on childcare program

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The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs has published new regulations governing the CNMI childcare program in the Commonwealth Register.

In its 31-page proposed emergency regulations, DCCA cited that the transfer and adoption of the new policies are in the best interest of the public and will satisfy the funding conditions imposed by the federal granting agency.

This rescinds the Board of Education regulations and creates a new chapter of regulations for the DCCA.

"The proposed regulations will reflect the transfer of the administration of the [Child Care Development Fund] from PSS to DCCA," it states.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial transferred through an executive order the operation and management of the childcare program from the Public School System to DCCA in 2007. PSS had managed the CCDF since 1992 and served 516 kids and 242 families in 2007.

The program receives $5.1 million from the federal government, split into three years—or $1.7 million per annum.

DCCA cited that the administrative rules will provide a guide for determining eligibility requirements, benefit amounts, and method of determining childcare payments for the childcare program, in compliance with the CCDF block grant.

DCCA said that priorities for serving eligible children in the program include families with very low income, low-income families with special needs kids, and homeless families with children.

Depending on the availability of funds, children who qualify for childcare payments are required to reside with their parent who is working and has a monthly gross income that does not exceed federal poverty income guideline.

An eligible child must be under 13 years of age and a U.S. citizen.

For childcare payments, the rate shall be established by the current state plan, which is effective until Sept. 30, 2009.

DCCA said it may suspend or terminate benefits or reduce it if there is no sufficient fund. DCCA will also decide if it wants to limit the number of children it serves.

"When the childcare program determines that the budget appropriation has or soon will be exceeded, notices of adverse action may be issued to limit the number of kids receiving subsidies in any given month," it added.

Case termination, suspensions or reduction of benefits or refusal to take application will be prioritized by DCCA.

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'Employer must pay maternity expenses of houseworker'

Employers are liable to pay for the maternity expenses of domestic helpers who get pregnant, according to a ruling issued by Labor Administrative Hearing Officer Herbert D. Soll.

Soll ordered Eleanor A. Loste to pay her domestic helper, Josephine R. Tengson, $1,532 in unpaid wages plus $425 in medical reimbursement.

"Paying the maternity expenses of the complainant was not contemplated at the outset of this working relationship; however, the law requires that employers of record are totally responsible for the medical expenses of foreign national workers," said Soll in a written administrative order.

The hearing officer said Loste does not deny this legal obligation to pay medical expenses, but she did deduct $425 from the wages of Tengson in September and October 2008.

"This amount must be repaid to the complainant," Soll said.

Tengson was allowed to seek a new employer.

Loste employed Tengon as a domestic helper. The case arose after a disagreement occurred over the hours that Tengson worked each day. Loste assumed that the domestic helper's workday started at 6:30am or 7am when she prepared the children for school. Their lunches were arranged and Tengson drove the children to their school near the family residence.

The school day began at 7:45am. Loste believed that no additional work was required of Tengson until the afternoon. Loste told the house worker that she was not restricted to staying at home until the afternoon. The employer believed that in telling Tengson that she was at liberty for the rest of the morning that she was taking her "off of the clock" until the afternoon.

In his order, Soll said Loste vaguely attempted to set the terms of the contract, but the complainant did not understand that she was not to work during the morning.

Soll pointed out that such an arrangement, to be enforceable, required a specific understanding between the parties and that it should have been in writing.

The hearing officer said it was within Loste's power to provide a schedule of working hours to be submitted for Labor approval with or in the contract.

Tengson stopped working on March 25, 2008, when she delivered her baby. She returned to work on Aug. 4, 2008, and claimed that between the date and Nov. 8, 2008, she worked a total of 252 hours of overtime.

Soll agreed with Tengson and awarded her $1,532 in overtime compensation. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Labor expects fewer bonding claims

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The Department of Labor expects to see fewer bonding claims in the future because the new labor reform law provides aggrieved alien workers a shorter period of time to file their complaints.

Labor Deputy Secretary Cinta Kaipat told *Saipan Tribune* that under Public Law 15-108, foreign workers must make their claims within six months of the employer conduct about which they are complaining and, in any event, within 30 days after the termination of their contract.

"This means that complaints are resolved promptly, and we don't have the problem of employers disappearing over the years that it formerly took to get a claim adjudicated," said Kaipat, who was also the law's principal author when she was still a congresswoman.

Under the new law, she said, Labor doesn't have the problem of disappearing insurance companies.

Kaipat said the Department of Commerce is doing a good job of monitoring insurance companies.

As an example, she pointed out that Labor had only nine bonding claims among all labor cases and agency cases decided in the first three quarters of 2008.

"We have just finished the last of the 2008 cases, well before our June 30, 2009, performance benchmark, and we expect that there will be very few bonding claims from those cases," she said.

Kaipat said Labor will be able to stay current on bonding claims once they get through this temporary backlog.

Labor has been notifying alien workers with administrative awards to report to the Labor Hearing Office to register their bond claims.

Labor was required to change its practice of referring alien workers with administrative awards to the small claims court because of Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos' recent ruling that it is the Labor Department's job to enforce these claims.

Kaipat, however, stated that due to some reasons many foreign workers will still be referred to small claims court as Labor has been doing in the past.

Last March, Inos ruled that Labor has exclusive jurisdiction over alien workers attempting to collect on labor bonds and that the courts do not have the authority to enforce these bonds.

Inos noted that the primary reason the workers are unable to recover the awards granted them by Labor is because Labor has thus far not attempted to enforce the insurance companies' obligations under the labor bonds.

Labor recently placed a one-page notice in this paper, notifying 129 alien workers who were awarded money damages by Labor but have not been paid to report to Labor's Complaint Intake Section.

In the notice, Labor asked the complainants to fill out a declaration affirming that payments have not been paid to them.

The workers were advised to bring a copy of their administrative orders and their entry permit card. The complainants are given until July 20, 2009, to report to the Complaint Intake Section.

Labor said awards in some of these cases may be covered by labor bonds.

Man allegedly beats daughter, 10, with hangers

Police arrested in Kagman III Wednesday last week a man who allegedly injured his 10-year-daughter when he beat her with plastic hangers.

Chupwei Toier Willy, 34, was arrested for child abuse. He was taken to the Superior Court on Thursday for a bail hearing.

Associate Judge Perry Inos set a $100 cash plus $900 unsecured bond for Willy's temporary release.

Detective Vincent S. Mareham stated in his report that the girl sustained bruises on the legs and buttocks.

Mareham said they began investigating the incident after the Division of Youth Services called the Department of Public Safety last June 9 to report about a child abuse case involving a student.

Police learned that the girl was playing with her brother outside their house when their father, Willy, called them to go inside the house.

Willy then allegedly grabbed the girl by the hair and began spanking her using his hand.

He then took a plastic hanger and allegedly hit the girl with it. When the hanger broke, Willy allegedly took another hanger and hit the child with it again. Police said the wife failed to stop Willy from beating their daughter because she was scared of him. ***(Ferdie dela Torre)***

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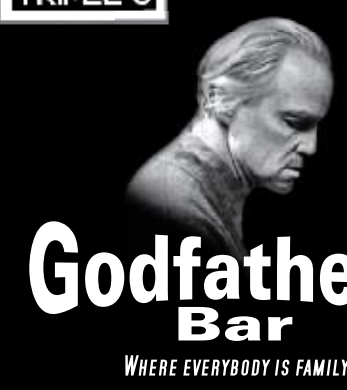

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Emmanuelle graduate passes NCLEX

Another graduate of Emmanuel College has passed the National Licensure Examination for practical nurses, bringing to 100 percent the passing rate of the region's first private institution offering an 11-month comprehensive nursing program.

Jian Teng, 27, could not hide her emotion upon learning that she passed the NCLEX for vocational nurses, fulfilling a dream that was marked by tough challenges when she first arrived on Saipan six years ago.

Hers is an inspiring story. Teng juggled work with studies, having enrolled then with pre-nursing program at the Northern Mariana College. The demand of the daily work—then employed with a now-defunct Japanese-0wwned garment factory—took a toll on her studies until Emmanuel College opened on Saipan, to meet the growing demand for nurses in many healthcare facilities here and in the mainland United States.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Emmanuel College graduate Jian Teng recently passed the National Licensure Examination for practical nurses.

"I was excited to know I passed the NCLEX exam. All my family and friends are happy and proud of me. And I proved to myself I can do it," Teng said, holding back emotions. "I have been studying vocational nursing at Emmanuel College for 11 months and it helped me a lot to prepare me for the licensure examination."

She took the licensure examination on May 22 and received the good news on June 15 from the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners.

In November 2008 she was part of the 20 locally-educated and trained practical nursing graduates of Emmanuel College. She attended and completed the free two-week NCLEX Review Program provided by the institution.

"To all who wanted to be a nurse: take this opportunity; grab this chance and be confident and be proud that you will be healthcare professionals. You will never regret your choice," said Teng, who hails from Qingdao City, Shandong, China.

The CNMI government has endorsed the comprehensive vocational nursing program, seeing its potential in harnessing and training residents to be highly-skilled nursing professionals. It is now the newest industry for the CNMI.

Emmanuel College is approved and accredited by the CNMI Board of Nursing for a total of 1,564 hours of theory and clinical training for entry-level employment in hospitals and other healthcare settings. Graduates of Emmanuel College have the option of working for the government-owned Commonwealth Health Center or at any private medical clinics on island.

Emmanuel College is set to graduate its second cohorts on Aug. 8.

The average licensed nurse in the U.S. earns between $43,370 and $63,360 annually, while some even earns as much as $113,000 a year. ***(PR)***

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JUNE 29, 1999

CNMI spared from CIP cut

The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee has deferred a proposed 51 percent cut on the annual construction grants provided by the federal government to the Northern Marianas, junking Clinton Administration's plan to funnel the money next year for Guam's Compact Impact costs. Committee members, however, agreed to reduce the amount from $11 million to $5.58 million for FY 2000 on the condition that the remaining $5.52 million will be given to the Commonwealth in FY 2003, when the seven-year assistance program stipulated in the Covenant expires. In effect, the island gets to keep the original total amount of $77 million in federal grants under the capital improvement projects from 1996 to 2002, according to Juan N. Babauta, CNMI representative to Washington.

RFP readied for new Tinian runway

After all the delays, the Commonwealth Ports Authority board yesterday approved the drafting of a request for proposal in preparation for the construction of a new runway in the airport of the island-municipality of Tinian. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas said some $8 million is now available to begin work on the $20 million project. Of the $8 million fund, $4.6 million came from the Federal Aviation Administration while some $3.4 million from the Capital Improvement Projects. Salas said local officials on Tinian have pledged to help raise the remaining $12 million to complete the project. "We are also hoping that FAA will be able to give us additional funding while the project is going on," he said.

JUNE 29, 2000

Scholarship woes cut enrollment at NMC

The CNMI government's decision to stop giving financial grants to part-time post-secondary students is beginning to reflect in enrollment figures at the Northern Marianas College, which dropped by over 50 percent in the last school year. The dramatic decline in the number of part-time students who registered in college courses from school years 1997 through 1999 may see NMC losing almost half of its student enrollment in the coming school, Development and Alumni Relations Director Tony V. Deleon Guerrero said yesterday. At least 1,022 of the total 1,884 student population at the College in SY-97 to SY-98, are classified as part-time students. The following year, total student enrollment dropped to 1,607. Only 500 part-time students registered during this period.

Mandarin Air reports 80 percent load factor

A new market for the local travel industry has emerged and is slowly off-shooting plunging visitor arrivals into the Northern Marianas, following a report by the Mandarin Airlines that it is deploying aircraft from Taipei with a consistent 80 percent load factor. Only after about two months since its maiden flight arrived at the Saipan International Airport, Taiwan-based Mandarin Airlines is beginning to carve a niche in the CNMI tourism sector by introducing the islands to Taiwanese travelers. Mandarin Airlines Senior Vice President H.H. Sun yesterday disclosed the carrier, a subsidiary of China Airlines, is dispatching aircraft that are at least 80 percent filled from the country's capital of Taipei twice every week.

JUNE 29, 2001

Sleazy politics: Murkowski vexes colleagues

Sen. Frank Murkowski, a ranking member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, is backing Allen Stayman for a top post in the State Department, according to an article in the June 17 edition of the *Washington Times*. This, even as an investigation by the House Resources Committee has shown that, using government money and on government time, Stayman had campaigned against Republicans opposed to forcing federal labor laws in the CNMI. Some sectors believe that this only underscores Stayman's "unfitness" for a job at the State Department and the "outrageousness" of Murkowski's support.

Government owes Retirement Fund $60M

The Commonwealth government's unpaid contributions to the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund has ballooned to about $60 million, putting into serious question the Fund's ability to meet its obligations to its pensioners. This has prompted the Fund's Board of Trustees to agree to meet on Monday with leaders of the Administration, the Legislature, the Attorney-General's Office and the Department of Finance to hammer out a plan on how the CNMI government can settle its arrears with the Fund. During yesterday's board meeting, Fund Administrator Juan Torres reported to the board that the last time the CNMI government paid its contributions to the Fund was on May 5, where it remitted only $800,000. Since then, the government has not remitted any contributions, putting the Fund in the red.

Torres bill seeks to suspend Saipan zoning law

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With just a year and a half into its implementation, the Saipan zoning law may yet be suspended—if Rep. Stanley T. Torres has his way.

Torres introduced last week a bill that seeks a six-month suspension of the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law.

Torres

The lawmaker pre-filed House Local Bill 16-39 on June 25, saying local businesses and zoning clients are presently encountering issues relating to the implementation of the new regulations that he said "appear to have been unintended."

Torres said these unintended effects are proving detrimental to local businesses and the CNMI government, despite two public hearings, public education sessions, media reports and public comments.

The new law took effect on Dec. 5, 2008, and the Zoning Office has since then processed over 1,200 applications and requests for information and issued over 200 permits and other authorizations.

New zoning administrator Victor Barret was not available for comment as of press time Friday.

Barrett just assumed office on June 22 and had vowed to prioritize all pending applications.

He replaced former zoning administrator Steve Tilley.

Torres' proposed bill is intended to temporarily suspend the law to allow the Zoning Office to address the unintended consequences the law's implementation has had on businesses. It will require the Zoning Office to submit proposals to the Legislature for the law's revision and amendments.

One of the major highlights of the 2008 Saipan Zoning Law is the gradual phase-out of the so-called adult businesses from the Garapan district area.

More data needed from real property appraiser trainees

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The Board of Professional Licensing is proposing to require more information from real property appraiser trainees.

In a notice, the board, chaired by Francisco Q. Guerrero, is proposing to amend its regulations to include the changes to the appraisal log sheet for trainees as required by the Appraisal Qualifications Board, and to correct a typographical error.

Under the proposed amendment, the appraisal log of real property appraiser trainees should also include the date of report, the address of appraised property, description of the work performed by the trainee or applicant, and the scope of the review performed by the supervising appraiser.

Also to be included in the appraisal log is the level of supervision performed by the supervising appraiser, as well as the number of actual work hours by the trainee/applicant on the assignment.

At present, trainees are only required to include in their appraisal log the type of property appraised, client name, and the name, signature and license number of the supervising appraiser, among other things.

The public has 30 days to comment on the board's proposed amendments to its regulations. The 30-day comment period started on June 22, when the proposal was published in the latest Commonwealth Register.

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Do tell

The Supreme Court's decision this month not to hear Pietrangelo versus Gates saved President Obama from the uncomfortable task of defending in court a policy he says he wants ended: the ban on gay men and lesbians serving openly in the military. He has asked the Pentagon to assess the policy. And he is taking other steps (more quietly than some advocates would like) to enlist the Defense Department behind his effort to end "don't ask, don't tell." Yet gay rights activists are urging Obama to take an interim step that is a poor substitute for simply abolishing the policy.

The proposal, which came from the Palm Center of the University of California at Santa Barbara, has gained traction since it was offered last month. It argues that the president "has the authority to issue an executive order halting the operation of `don't ask, don't tell.' " The power to do so is granted him under "Authority of the President to Suspend Certain Laws Relating to Promotion, Retirement, and Separation"; this power can be exercised only during a national emergency in which members of a reserve component are serving involuntarily on active duty.

This is known as "stop-loss," and President George W. Bush used it to extend the tours of duty of troops in Iraq. As the Palm Center report points out, "the use of stop-loss to suspend homosexual conduct discharges would ... allow ongoing service by those who generally wish to remain in uniform." Once gay men and lesbians are serving openly in the armed forces, the Palm Center contends, "it will become clear" that their service "does not compromise unit cohesion, recruiting, retention or morale."

This provisional action would be a way to indirectly lift "don't ask, don't tell." And the political heat Mr. Obama would face for doing so without first getting the military and key congressional constituencies on board would be intense. Remember what happened to President Bill Clinton in 1993? He tried to end the ban on gays in the military and ended up saddling the nation with an indefensible compromise.

The nation's attitude toward gay men and lesbians serving openly in the military has changed since 1993. A July 2008 Washington Post/ABC News poll showed that 75 percent of Americans approved of allowing gays to serve openly. In 1993, support stood at 44 percent. Even former proponents of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy are calling for change. Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989 to 1993, said it should be reevaluated; Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman from 1993 to 1997, said it should be abolished.

So gay rights advocates shouldn't be looking for ways to get around existing policy; they should be looking to change it without evasion. And if Obama is going to expend political capital to allow gay men and lesbians to serve their country openly and with honor, he should follow through on his promise to work with Congress to get rid of "don't ask, don't tell" for good.

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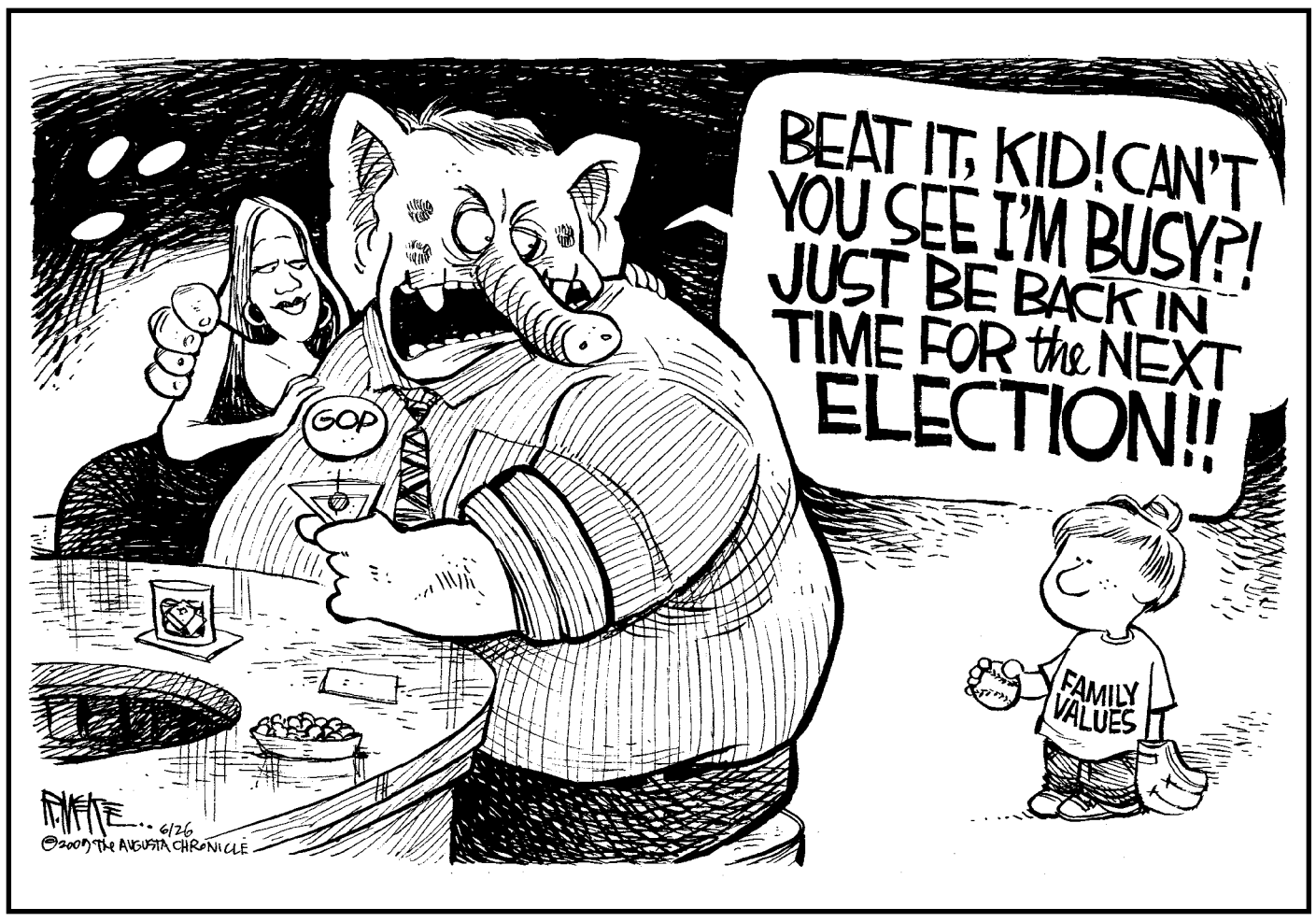
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Climate bill may spur energy revolution

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WASHINGTON—Congress has taken its first step toward an energy revolution in the U.S., with the prospect of profound change for every household, business, industry and farm in the decades ahead.

It was late Friday when the House passed legislation that would, for the first time, require limits on pollution blamed for global warming—mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels. Now the Senate has the chance to change the way Americans produce and use energy.

What would the country look like a decade from now if the House-passed bill—or, more likely, a watered-down version—were to become the law of the land?

"It will open the door to a clean energy economy and a better future for America," President Barack Obama said Saturday.

But what does that mean to the average person?

Energy touches every corner of the economy and in countless ways can alter people's lives.

Such a law would impact how much people pay to heat, cool and light their homes (it would cost more); what automobiles they buy and drive (smaller, fuel efficient and hybrid electric); and where they will work (more "green" jobs, meaning more environmentally friendly ones).

Critics of the House bill brand it a "jobs killer." Yet it would seem more likely to shift jobs. Old, energy-intensive industries and businesses might scale back or disappear. Those green jobs would emerge, propelled by the push for nonpolluting energy sources.

That could mean making or installing solar panels, repairing wind turbines, producing energy-efficient light bulbs, working for an environmental engineering firm or waste recycler, making equipment that harnesses carbon from coal burning and churning out energy-saving washing machines or air conditioners.

Assembly line workers at factories that made gas-guzzling cars might see their future in producing the next generation of batteries or wind turbine blades—an emerging shift, though on a relatively small scale today. On Wall Street, commodity brokers would trade carbon pollution credits alongside oil futures.

Farmers would see the cost of fertilizer and electricity go up. More windmills would dot their pastures. And a new source of income could come from selling pollution credits by planting trees or changing farming methods to absorb more carbon dioxide.

Energy would cost more because it would become more expensive to produce. For the first time there would be a price on the greenhouse gas pollution created when coal, natural gas or oil are burned. Energy companies would have to pay for technologies that can capture the carbon emissions, purchase pollution allowances or shift to cleaner energy sources.

It all costs.

Investors would see a new line item on companies financial reports: the cost of carbon permits.

Some increases would be reflected in the prices of goods and services, economists say. It might mean shelling out more for a toy because plastic, a petroleum based product, is more expensive, or paying more for a house because of new efficiency requirements.

Not all the higher energy cost would show up in people's utility bills. Households, as well as businesses and factories—including those, for example, making plastic for toys—could use less energy, or at least use it more efficiently. The poorest of homes could get a government check as a rebate for high energy costs. That money would come from selling pollution allowances for industry.

Energy experts in government and industry say a price on carbon pollution would lead to new ways to make renewable energy less expensive, while emphasizing how people can use it more wisely.

Potential changes to how homes are built and even financed seem likely as energy efficiency is taken into account in building codes and the cost of mortgages. With the cost of energy increasing, homeowners and businesses would have greater incentive to use more energy efficient lighting, windows and insulation.

But don't think that the traditional sources of energy would disappear.

Coal, which today accounts for half the electricity produced, would continue as a major energy source, though a less polluting one, energy experts forecast. That would mean capturing the carbon released when coal is burned.

It's a technological hurdle with a complication: "not in my back yard" complaints over what to do with the billions of tons of carbon dioxide captured from power plants and pumped beneath the earth. Would people feel comfortable having it stored near or under their homes, factories and businesses?

Scientists studying climate change say carbon capture from power plants is essential if the country is to take up the challenge against global warming.

The cleaner energy economy also puts nuclear energy front and center. Does the U.S. build new power plants? If so, where, and where does all the waste go? Nuclear energy makes up about one-fifth of the nation's electricity today.

The House-passed bill contains provisions to make it easier to get loan guarantees and expands the nuclear industry's access to loans for reactor construction. An Environmental Protection Agency analysis that shows modest future costs from a low-climate energy world assumes a significant expansion of nuclear energy. The Senate could add more incentives for the nuclear industry.

The new energy world would rely more on natural gas. This abundant fossil fuel emits carbon but is relatively clean when compared with coal. But people would have to decide whether to accept new pipelines that are needed to ship the gas around the country—just as they would have to deal with the need for new power lines to move solar and wind energy to where it's needed.

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A mission of mercy

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Qing Xaoyin came from China to Saipan in January to try to get herself to the United States, or meet her husband from New York City in the CNMI. She had been petitioned by her husband of three years to join him with her 16-year-old son in New York City in 2006. She had her interview on February 2008 in Guangzhou near Hong Kong, the only Consulate General that screens prospective immigrants to the United States from China. In December 2008, she received a letter stating that her husband's petition was denied on the determination that she and her husband *"do not have a bona fide relationship."*

At an exorbitant cost, Xaoyin came to Saipan from *Dong Bei* (northeast China) in the hope that being a U.S. territory, she could meet her husband Phillip who she had not seen for a couple of years. They were introduced to each other over the Internet by Xaoyin's friend, a nurse whose husband is a relation to Phillip. After three months of digital contact that flourished into sparks of attraction, he flew to *Dong Bei* to meet his new flame. They married a week later.

Unfortunately, *Dong Bei* winter is harsher than New York's, so he flew back to the Big Apple to get the familiar medical attention he required. Meanwhile, he petitioned his bride, 20 years his junior, and her son to the US of A. He returned to *Dong Bei* late fall when the air fares were cheaper. This time, Xaoyin had a dental surgery mishap that allowed them to bond together through each other's miseries. It did not take long before Phillip succumbed again to the harshness of winter and returned to the city by the Hudson.

Xaoyin tried to travel with Phillip back to the U.S. but the U.S. Consulate denied her visa application, advising her to wait for the result of her husband's immigrant petition. A year later, she and her son were called for the interview halfway across the continent to Guangzhou. The denial that came 10 months later was devastating to the mother and son, both having bidden friends and classmates "goodbye" for what they thought was going to be a journey halfway around the world.

In late March 2009, Phillip was booked to meet his wife on Saipan, but he was not able to board his plane for deficiency in travel papers. Being an advocate for alien workers with immigration and labor difficulties, a colleague brought Xaoyin's case to my attention. After perusing the paperwork, and talking to Xaoyin, it became apparent that a possible misjudgment was made in denying the petition. This was understandable. In the three-minute window of opportunity normally accorded applicants, Xaoyin's very basic English may not have fared well with the African-American consular officer's *Putonghua.*

I decided to expedite the process by personally traveling to 9/11's ground zero to bring Phillip into our coral shores. However, one look at Phillip at the nursing home made it clear that it would be unconscionable to wheelchair the patient to a tarmac halfway across the planet. Healthcare providers and close relatives were unanimous in judging that Phillip's competency has fallen off the self-sufficiency and self-reliance scales.

A matter of right

Xaoyin returned to Dong Bei to appeal for a U.S. nonimmigrant visa. She was determined to see her husband, perhaps, even for the last time, unless Phillip is able to appeal his petition, and if reversed, she would be more than willing to go out and care for him. To be of help to her husband, Xaoyin registered to take a nine-month study course on how to be a licensed healthcare provider. She was employed previously in Dalian to homecare for an MS patient. The MS patient and her husband had nothing but glowing praise for Xaoyin's quality of service, even enticing her to return should the visa application be denied again.

The matter of the granting of a visa is a formidable hurdle, and one applies to Uncle Sam with the understanding that every consular officer considers every applicant to *"be presumed to be an immigrant until s/he establishes to the satisfaction of the consular officer, at the time of application for admission, that s/he is entitled to nonimmigrant status . . ."* This is not just true of Uncle Sam. Every nonimmigrant visa officer of the industrial world abides by similar provisions.

Xaoyin was upfront about her desire to be an immigrant, but since that was denied, at least, she should be allowed to visit her ailing husband. It would be tragic if she were granted that privilege only when she attends his funeral!

On Thursdays at 4pm to 5pm at the *Dong Bei* U.S. Consulate General, American citizens can talk to a consular officer to bring matters to their attention that a Chinese citizen could not. I played that role. *"I could not guarantee that I would be the one to interview your party when she is called for the interview but I will note on the database that you had come and presented reasonable considerations on the case,"* the young consular officer diplomatically concluded our talk.

An e-mail exchange with the Consul General also elicited an appreciative response to my concerns but he was firm in making it clear that he cannot interfere in the visa-granting process, and Xaoyin will just have to make her case to the consular officer when she is interviewed. *"I regret to deny your request Ms. Qing,"* the officer intoned, *"because you are the one making the request and* not your sick husband." (Underlining emphasis added.) Back to the drawing board!

Sick Phillip has since sent Ms. Qing a letter of invitation, along with an M.D.'s certification that he cannot travel. Xaoyin returns to the Consulate late July for another interview. We await that outcome. Meanwhile, Phillip added a poignant letter to Xaoyin stating that should the visa request be denied again, that she should feel free to file for divorce. Ironically, the marriage the U.S. would not recognize cannot be dissolved by China without the husband's consent! (The movies *Green Card* and *The Proposal* are funny; this one is not funny at all!)

On the fourth floor of an apartment in *Dong Bei* is a huge portrait of a festively attired handsome couple hanging in the living room, and another in the master bedroom. Xaoyin and Phillip in happier days.

The measures of bureaucracy in this case do not quite grasp the reality of the tangible human situation just because the parties involved do not neatly fit into typical categories, and official application of immigration rules sorely misses the genuine pathos surrounding the human condition that an ordinary human being would intuitively catch were he not too busy wearing too tightly his bureaucratic strictures. That does not sound polite. It is intentional!

(Names and places are deliberately changed, or left vague, to protect involved parties since the resolution of the matter is still in progress.)

Likidu Na Guihan Isla

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Kada tanu guine distiñgiyon guinahaña (ambiente) tat komo sabana esta papa`gi tasi yan rubentasion. Ni unu u lache sa famosu yan libianu un` lie` este siha na fina` frente sa gaige giya monana.

Pot ihemplu: Iya Luta gaige i Hegsu Sabana, Tinian i lugat Taga, Saipan i sadog iya Susupe, yan todo isla siha gi sankatan na patte guine.

I Sabanan iya Luta anog ensegidas ginen i chagu kao gaige hao gi aire `sino halom tase. Riku na hogsu deste tinanom, gaga tat komo binadu, yan gaige lokue guihe i primera na matan hanom.

Tinian gaige i lugat Taga gi kanton unai gi sanmena. I acho` antigu na haligen guma mina famosu este na isla guine. Gaige lokue un` dañkulon tigiri gi hilo iya Marpo matatachoñg gi puntan hogsu tumalag kakatan.

Fuera de hegsu Tagpochau, i hagoi iya Susupe finenina un` lie` gigon ha diñgo i batkon aire i plasa gi santatte. Iya Saipan i mas dañkulu inaiña ke manu na isla giya Marianas.

Iya Pagan, gaige i butkan yan dikiki na sadog gi papaña. Bonita na tanu ya solu guiya parehu lugatña gi mapa yan iya Hawaii. Gaige lichanña iya Alamagan. Didog hegsoña butkan ni tumatachu akadidog gi halom mapagahes.

Kada isla gai pajaru, sombra petmanente, potput na halom tanu, apaka na mapagahes paraisu, todu man-inembrasa nu i pulan yan putionsiha gi lañget. Todo gumogosa naturat na sunidon tanu tat komo katen pajaru, ininan pution

gi lañget piot ya klaru i pueñge, guinaifen mañglu antes de ichan gi sinague` tasi.

Gi un` dikiki isla, agradesiyon i guinaifen mañglo ginen sanhaya. Esta manbabaila i hagun niyog, gagu, atbot, yan troñkun mames. Kontodo magagu gi talen fanalaan sige manpalapa estake manmarikohe.

`An matto mattiempu, parehu ha` tasi yan mañglu (ni inakompapaña uchan) siempre ta huñgog esalao niha gi todo atmos banda. Ginen sanhaya, metgot na mañglu yan uchan, hihot ha hulog manfigu` siha na troñku gi oriyata. I

mandañkulu na napu matutuhon ma-aronsa i inai, dispues ha yute halom basulan chaguan siha gi kantu. Gai tiempu lokue `nai i mismo risaki ha balen huyoñg imbarasus siha gi kanton unai estake sengasgas.

Este i lalalu` tasi mafatto kada Agusto, señat sagun guihan tat komo mañahag, faya, tiao, manineñg yan atulai. Dumaña este yan `nai pagu mantoa siha i lemai ya tinatiye nu i tiempon sagu gi tanu. Haye ha` un` atan dispues, `an ti lololu` pues minikusan `sino todo i dos.

I troñkun niyog yan gagu solu sombra gi kanton tasi ni umadotna bonitu oriyan tanota siha. Estegue siha muna` gatbo kada perlas guine giya Marianas.

I monhayan hu pasalista pot ambienten kada isla guine i muna famosu kada tanu. Kulan muhon kada isla ya mangaige giya monana. Kada unu likidu ya ni unu parehu. Mit grasias pot likidu na ambienten kada isla. Ti un` fan lie` nu este gi bisinuta Asia `sino Amerika. Si Yuus Maase`!

Career-bound millennials retain optimism in tough times

By MORLEY WINOGRAD and MICHAEL D. HAIS
SPECIAL TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

It's a daunting time to be entering the work force. Today's young adults—like their great-grandparents eight decades earlier—are graduating from high school and college and starting careers at a time when the U.S. economy is shedding jobs at a record pace.

This newest adult generation, dubbed the Millennials, is known for its optimism and sense of personal confidence. But will those traits survive the new economic realities? Recent survey results suggest the answer is a resounding yes. Millennials are demonstrating remarkable resilience in the face of an economic crisis, even though the downturn has affected them disproportionately.

Through the first quarter of 2009, employment for 16- to 24-year-olds dropped by 5 percent, the largest decline for any age cohort surveyed by Merrill Lynch. This produced the lowest employment rates for young people in nearly 40 years. And the situation isn't likely to get better soon. A survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers found that employers plan to hire 22 percent fewer graduates this spring than last, and that, so far, less than 20 percent of 2009 graduates who applied for a job have one.

But Millennials have adopted a number of coping strategies to help them weather the economic maelstrom. An AP-mtvU poll found that nearly 1 in 5 undergraduates has decided to prolong education, hoping the storm will pass. Others have enthusiastically turned to the government and nonprofit sectors to fulfill their generation's desire to serve. Teach for America, which places new graduates in low-income schools, saw a 42 percent increase in applications over 2008. And the recent enactment of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act will allow many more Millennials to serve at home or abroad while providing Pell Grant-level support for their future education.

One thing Millennials are not doing is losing confidence in themselves or their government. A recent survey by the Pew Research Center for People & the Press found that 56 percent of Millennials were fairly satisfied with the way things were going for them financially, a significantly greater degree of optimism than aging baby boomers expressed in the same survey (46 percent). Two-thirds of Millennials told Pew survey researchers that they approved of the way President Barack Obama was handling the economy, with only 5 percent saying his economic policies made things worse. Although 32 percent of undergraduates at four-year colleges told Edison Media Research that financial worries have increased the stress they're under, 75 percent of Millennials expressed confidence that Obama was doing the right things to fix the economy.

This type of relentless optimism and faith in collective action in the face of hardship is typical of civic generations such as the Millennials. And judging by history, their attitudes will serve them well. Their great-grandparents, the GI Generation, learned to make do with less as they entered adulthood in the 1930s and then went on to defeat fascism in World War II and build the strongest economy the world has known. As Millennials absorb the lessons of America's greatest economic downturn since the 1930s, their determination to succeed, like that of the GI Generation, will be the source of the economic rejuvenation that in all likelihood will accompany their full entry into America's economic life.

Winograd and Hais are fellows at the NDN think tank and the New Policy Institute and are the co-authors of Millennial Makeover: MySpace, YouTube, and the Future of American Politics.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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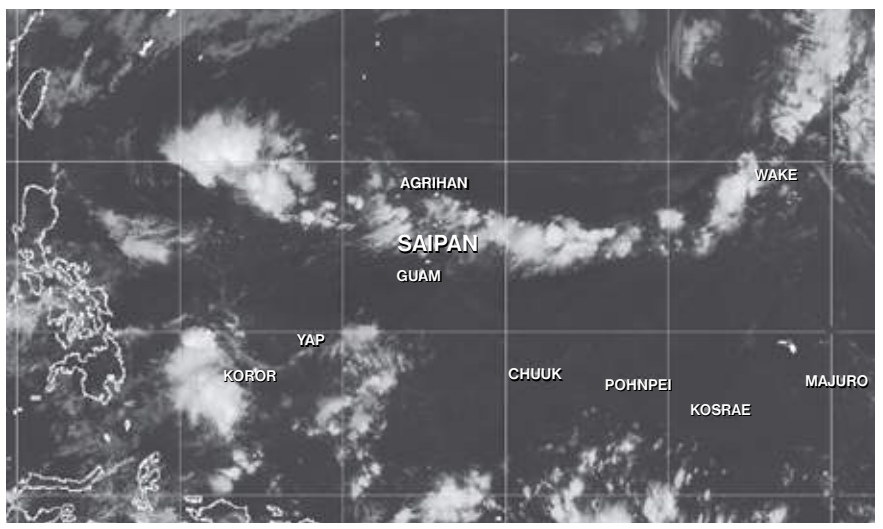
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲88	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲86	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲90	▼79
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲88	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲56	▼48
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲95	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼81
Honolulu	Showers	▲82	▼73
London	Partly Sunny	▲79	▼63
Los Angeles	Partly Sunny	▲82	▼66
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼79
Melbourne	Showers	▲62	▼53
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼77
New York	Thundershowers	▲80	▼66
Osaka	Rain	▲77	▼70
Paris	Sunny	▲88	▼68
Pusan	Showers	▲85	▼76
Rome	Thundershowers	▲81	▼67
Salem	Sunny	▲80	▼48
San Francisco	Partly Sunny	▲76	▼55
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲84	▼66
Tokyo	Cloudy	▲77	▼70
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼67

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A trough extends southward from a low pressure center located at 25N163E to Wake Island to 15N155E then westward over Anatahan to end at 17N143E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms can be found within 100 miles of the trough from 17N143E to 15N154E and scattered showers within 70 miles of the trough from 15N154E to Wake Island. Upper-level divergence east of the low pressure center is enhancing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms northeast of Wake Island between 25N and 20N from 169E to 175E. A surface trough west of the Marianas extending southward from 17N137E to 10N135E in conjunction with an upper-level low centered at 20N132E is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the Marianas between 21N and 15N from 135E to 143E. Another area of scattered showers is found within 50 miles of a line from 17N126E to 15N133E. Low-level convergence is producing widespread cloudiness and scattered showers over Palau and Yap between 10N and 3N from 133E to 143e.

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
12:54 AM Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
7:31 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
12:50 PM Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
6:59 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Wednesday	5:50 AM	6:51 PM
Thursday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:56 AM	
Tuesday	12:49 PM	12:03 AM
Wednesday	1:41 PM	12:42 AM
Thursday	2:34 PM	1:23 AM
Friday	3:27 PM	2:07 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 9, 2009

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

CO9597	11:50am	12:25pm	1,7

SAIPAN-GUAM

CO9317	4:30am	5:20am	Daily
CO9313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
CO9597	11:50am	1:20pm	1, 7
CO9601	12:30pm	1:20pm	4, 5
CO9603	3:30pm	4:20pm	Daily
CO9605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
CO9599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

CO9598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
CO9312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-PALAU (ROR)

CO893	5:50pm	6:50pm	3, 5
CO953	6:50pm	7:50pm	1, 7
CO953	7:35pm	10:05pm	2, 4, 6

PALAU (ROR)-MANILA

CO893	7:35pm	9:10pm	3, 5

GUAM-MANILA

CO893	5:50pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via ROR
CO933	7:00pm	8:40pm	Daily
PR111	6:00am	7:45am	1, 2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW99	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW78	9:00am	2:05pm	Daily via NGO
NW75	3:50pm	6:25am	Daily

GUAM-NARITA (NRT)

CO961	6:35am	9:10am	Daily
NW83	8:00am	1:55pm	Daily via KIX
CO6	12:00pm	2:45pm	Daily
NW73	4:05pm	7:00pm	Daily
CO963	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)

OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	1
OZ119	4:20am	7:00am	4,6

GUAM-OSAKA (KIX)

NW83	8:00am	10:45am	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)

NW78	9:00am	11:40am	Daily

GUAM-NAGOYA (NGO)

CO971	7:45am	10:30am	Daily
NW23	4:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
CO975	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	excl 1
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	1 via KIX
OZ119	4:20am	11:20am	4, 6 via KIX

SEOUL (ICN)-HONG KONG

OZ721	9:05am	11:45am	Daily
OZ723	7:45pm	10:30pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-MANILA

OZ701	8:35am	11:25am	Daily
OZ703	7:50pm	10:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

CO9598	3:25am	4:00am	5, 6
CO9312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

CO9316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
CO9598	2:20am	4:00am	5, 6 via ROP
CO9596	7:00am	5:00am	Daily
CO9600	10:20am	11:10am	Daily x6
CO9312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6
CO9602	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 4, 5, 7
CO9604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
CO9606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

CO9597	12:50pm	1:20pm	1, 7

PALAU (ROR)-GUAM

CO954	1:10am	5:30am	3, 5, 7
CO954	1:45am	4:40am	1, 2
CO892	2:35am	5:30am	4, 6

MANILA-PALAU (ROR)

CO892	10:10pm	1:50am+1	3, 5

MANILA-GUAM

CO892	10:10pm	5:30am+1	3, 5 via ROR
CO934	10:55pm	4:30am+1	Daily
PR110	10:00pm	4:00am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW76	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
NW77	6:30pm	1:40am+1	Daily via NGO
NW100	7:50pm	12:30am+1	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-GUAM

NW74	10:00am	2:50pm	Daily
CO962	10:30am	3:00pm	Daily
CO7	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
NW84	6:20pm	1:40am+1	Daily
CO964	8:25pm	1:00am+1	Daily
NW82	8:30pm	1:05am+1	4
NW82	8:30pm	1:20am+1	X 4

OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN

OZ120	9:55pm	2:20am+1	3, 5, 6

OSAKA (KIX)-GUAM

NW84	9:05pm	1:40am+1	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN

NW77	9:10pm	1:40am	Daily

NAGOYA (NGO)-GUAM

NW24	10:00am	2:35pm	Daily
CO970	11:30am	4:30pm	Daily
CO972	8:25pm	12:55am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	3, 5, 6 via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	excl 7

HONG KONG-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ724	12:30am	5:05am	Daily
OZ722	1:15pm	5:45pm	Daily

MANILA-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ702	12:45pm	5:45pm	Daily
OZ704	11:50pm	4:40am+1	Daily

SHANGHAI-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; PR: Philippine Airlines; NW: Northwest; OZ: Asiana
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

67-Zero Rock Steady Shop asks: 'Can you dance?'

The 67-Zero Rock Steady Shop announces the first-ever "67-Zero Rock Steady Dance-Off" in conjunction with the Liberation Day Entertainment Committee. An open invitation is out to all dance crews who think they got what it takes to battle it out on the biggest dance floor on Saipan.

The event will consist of a single elimination tournament, with the best crews moving on until there is only one team left standing. All the action starts Saturday, June 27, at the Liberation Day Carnival Grounds, located at the Garapan Fishing Base.

For more information, visit the Liberation Day Information every night from 6pm to 11pm, e-mail your contact info to L.J. Castro at ljmamis@gmail.com or call 483-1027, or call Gordon Marciano at 287-1195. ***(PR)***

Chamber meeting on Wednesday

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be having its next general membership meeting at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Azucena II Room on Wednesday, July 1. Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at noon. The meeting is $15 for members, $20 for guests of members, and $25 for the public. Speaking to us at the meeting will be the new Zoning administrator, Victor Barrett, and Zoning board chair Henry Hofschneider. ***(SCC)***

US Navy to hold training on Farallon de Medinilla

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct live-fire training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla from 8am to 6pm on June 30 to July 1.

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon de Medinilla Training Area on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. The public—especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from this area during the time and dates indicated.

For more information, contact the Emergency Management Office's Operations Section at 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0. ***(PR)***

DEQ sets cleanup at Aboni Beach

The Division of Environmental Quality's cleanup brigade will be picking up trash at Aboni Beach in Garapan this coming July 11, 2009.

Those who would like to volunteer are asked to meet with the group at 8am behind the Mobil gas station/McDonald's restaurant.

Volunteers will split into groups, cleaning north and south of Aboni Beach until 10am, break for drinks and then continue, if needed.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt.

The DEQ cleanup brigade began in 1996 and continues to maintain clean, healthy beaches. For more information, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

Notice to Manta Ray cadets

Attention to Saipan Southern High School's Manta Ray Battalion cadets: We are asking for your support to join in the 4th of July parade. You can pick up your parent consent form in room B101. There will be a meeting on July 3, 2009, for those Manta Ray cadets that will be joining this event. ***(PR)***

LOI deadline for Democratic Party

The Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands would like to announce to interested candidates that the deadline for submitting letters of intent to run as a Democrat is July 10. Letters can be emailed to nmidemocrats@gmail.com. Questions should be directed to Credentials chair Pete Arriola at 287-7769. Individuals who want to register as an NMI Democrat are encouraged to do so. The Democratic Party welcomes all who want "New Beginning, New Leaders, New Direction." ***(PR)***

KARIDAT

Victim's Advocate services are available through Karidat

What is Family Violence?

It's the mistreatment of one family member by another.

Family violence includes:

Physical abuse
- Slapping, Hitting, Burning, etc.

Sexual abuse
- Rape, Incest

Emotional abuse
- Threats, Insults, Harassment

Neglect
- Poor Physical or Emotional Care

Family violence is a crime. It is a widespread problem in our society.

Some family members suffer from domestic violence and it hurts everyone involved. If this is happening in your family, you can get help by visiting Karidat Social Service or call our telephone #234-5248/234-6981 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am through 5:00 pm and after working hours call the Hotline at 234-5100. You can also visit the Karidat Social Services Office in Chalan Kanoa.

This project was supported by Grant Number 2007-VA-GX-0030 and 2008-VA-GX-0046 awarded to the CNMI Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) by the Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program, Office of the Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, and sub-granted by the CJPA Supervisory Council.

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NOTICE OF CLOSURE OR DISMISSAL

2008 LABOR CASES, second group

June 29, 2009, first notice **July 6, 2009, second notice**

COMPLAINANTS IN THE FOLLOWING LABOR CASES:
Each of the labor cases listed below has been adjudicated or dismissed by the Administrative Hearing Office. In each case, this is a final action by the Administrative Hearing Office. All claims, including all claims for money damages, and all claims for eligibility for transfer, have been adjudicated or dismissed. Any complainant who has not been served personally or by mail with the hearing officer's order adjudicating or dismissing the case is now, as of the second date of publication of this notice, served with the order. A complainant served by means of this publication may obtain a copy of the hearing officer's order from the Administrative Hearing Office. A complainant whose case has been adjudicated or dismissed by the Administrative Hearing Office has until July 20, 2009 to appeal the order. This publication does not affect any prior service personally or otherwise on a complainant, and the time within which to appeal runs from the date of that service.

COMPLAINANTS WHOSE ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID:
Any complainant who was awarded money damages in a case listed below and has not been paid should come to the Complaint Intake Section, Department of Labor, and fill out a declaration affirming that payment has not been made. Please bring a copy of the administrative order in your case and your entry permit card. A complainant who has not been paid has until July 30, 2009 to report to the Complaint Intake Section.

Case No.	Complainant	Employer
08-164	Abiendo, Alicia Q.	Pelisamen, Maria Estrella
08-191	Ahon, Justina B.	Philpan International Corp.
08-199	Albarico, Helen S.	YCO Corp. dba Jollibee
08-162	Alvaro, Edilberto C.	An Da Intl Corp. dba Shun-Fa Auto Shop
08-240	Barro, Adela D.	Alvarez, Bruno G. & Lucky R Corporation
08-242	Bautista, Nida L.	Alvarez, Bruno G. & Lucky R Corporation
08-067	Berganio, Elizabeth Abella	Babauta, Susana C. dba S&J Document Handling
08-051	Besana, Mario O.	Arceo, Salvador B.
08-064	Biascan, Emelda L.	Pelisamen, Ma. Estrella DLC.
08-176	Calage, Crisita Solis	Crystal Seas CNMI Inc.
08-117	Cambronero, Honorio Glor	RJCL Corporation dba RNV Construction
08-158	Che, Gang Hui	Poong In Spn Inc.
08-059	Chen, Aiping	Sam Kwang Saipan
08-135	Cruz, John John Hawayan	Sablan, Ramon M.
08-091	Cui, Changxing	Pentastar Corporation
08-189(T)	Cui, Jingzhu	Xuan Corporation dba Xuan Guang Zhe
08-170	Dacucos, Imelda Dela Rosa	Wall Street Empire Inc.
08-218	Dalo, Nestor B.	Triple K Corp. dba Global Security Agency
08-029	De Lima, Nestor Masajo	Han Nam Corp. dba Han Nam Market
08-050	Dela Cruz, Rolando Garcia	Marianas Fast Food Inc.; Valiente, Imelda; Panganiban, Reyole; Mendiola, Connie
08-238	Dupra, Loreta B.	Alvarez, Bruno G. & Lucky R Corporation
08-152	Eugenio, Noemi Dionisio	Sablan, Catherine I.
08-204	Gaboya, Merlinda L.	Eastern Hope Corp. dba Keeraku Rest.
08-219	Gallega, Rogelio E.	Triple K Corp. dba Global Security Agency
08-217	Guo, Li Ying	Feng Hua Ent. Inc. dba Feng Hua Mart, Goldent Harvest Mar; S&D Corp. dba Monte Carlo
08-130	Han Nam Corp. dba Han Nam Market	Delima, Nestor M.
08-080	Hidal, Olivia C.	Soi-In Corportation
08-193	Huang, Fengxia	Chen Gang Corp.
08-214	Huang, Shizhong	Feng Hua Ent. Inc. dba Feng Hua Mart, Goldent Harvest Mar; S&D Corp. dba Monte Carlo
08-110	Jin, Xuanzhe	K.S. Chang Corporation dba I-Mart
08-234	Kim, Yoon Jung	St. Marks Inc. dba Sunset Apartment
08-215	Li, Danyun	Feng Hua Ent. Inc. dba Feng Hua Mart, Goldent Harvest Mar; S&D Corp. dba Monte Carlo
08-211	Li, Gui Xiang	Saipan SJ Corp dba Island Massage
08-090	Li, Min	Yan Yi Corporation
08-033	Li, Qi Rong	Feng Hua Ent. Inc. dba Feng Hua (Harvest) Mart and Li, Jian De; Wu, Yan
08-120	Li, Yanxia	Poong In Saipan Inc.
08-236	Lim, Elizabeth P.	Alvarez, Bruno G. & Lucky R Corporation
08-239	Lim, Romeo Y.	Alvarez, Bruno G. & Lucky R Corporation
08-229	Lin, Anshu	Huang Zheng Corp. Ltd.
08-185	Lin, Meidan	L & K International Inc. dba Kai Hua Rest.
08-131	Lin, Qingyun	L & K International Inc. dba Kai Hua Rest.
08-188	Ling, Yan Xing	L & K International Inc. dba Kai Hua Rest.
08-039	Liu, Dongfan	Smart Guy Co. Ltd.
08-190	Liu, Yuehan	United International Corp.
08-015	Lorenzo, Renante B.	Cabrera, Francisco C.
08-171	Manalang, Nelia Pascua	Wall Street Empire Inc.
08-027	Marianas Fast Food Inc.	Dela Cruz, Rolando (121116) & Supsupin, Viviene
08-007	Metran, Enrico Tapawan	Pacific Island Creations Inc.
08-023	Misra, Rajani	Singeo Beches dba USP Mart
08-252	Molina, Leon A.	Kevin's Corporation
08-187	Nabuab, Elizer N.	Pangelinan, Mariano K. dba Island Janitorial Services
08-184	Orencia, Benedict Solano	Seven Twelve 7.12. Ent. Inc.
08-237	Orilly, Marilyn P.	Alvarez, Bruno G. & Lucky R Corporation
08-016	Palaganas, Edwin C.	Cabrera, Francisco C.
08-241	Paras, Pat Q.	Alvarez, Bruno G. & Lucky R Corporation
08-224	Park Soon Nam	Pop Street, Inc.
08-172	Rahman, Habibur	Bashar, Mohamed Abul
08-106	Ruan, Chaoying	Sam Kwang Saipan Corp.
08-035	Ruiz, Jenelyn Bautista	Greenstone Intl Inc.
08-052	Sayson, Hedelita R.	Kendall, Brian R.
08-202	Sexon, Rogelio O.	G4S Security Services
08-002	Soleman	Zhu, Qing Zhen
08-212	Su, Yuemin	Feng Hua Ent. Inc. dba Feng Hua Mart, Goldent Harvest Mar; S&D Corp. dba Monte Carlo
08-049	Supsupin, Viviene D.	Marianas Fast Food Inc.; Valiente, Imelda; Panganiban, Reyole; Mendiola, Connie
08-230	Tengson, Josephine R.	Loste, Eleanor A.
08-198	Vasquez, Jessie Zambra	Triple K Corp. dba Global Security Agency
08-107	Wang, Liangshi	Pacific S P Island Corp.
08-213	Wu, Yipan	Feng Hua Ent. Inc. dba Feng Hua Mart, Goldent Harvest Mar; S&D Corp. dba Monte Carlo
08-141	Wu, Zhi Cheng	JCJ Co. Ltd dba Jinjoo Restaurant
08-216	Xiao, Xueming	Feng Hua Ent. Inc. dba Feng Hua Mart, Goldent Harvest Mar; S&D Corp. dba Monte Carlo
08-132	Yunting, Maganiel S.	Sonic International Inc.
08-159	Zhang, Hui	Poong In Spn Inc.
08-085	Zhou, Anmin	Kyung Seung Spn. Inc.
08-038	Zhu, Haijuan	Borja, Hua Bie
08-024	Zou, Wei	Mei Li Saipan

Saipan Awaodori team expands membership

In preparation for their participation in the Fourth of July parade, members of the Saipan Awaodori Team are now practicing their Awaodori dances.

This time, the team includes children from the Tanapag Youth Center, which is coordinated by Debra A. Inos, youth development program manager of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Youth Services.

PDM Promoters Inc., which sponsors the Saipan Awaodori Team, said they also have children from the Gualo Rai Youth Learning Center, which is under the Youth Affairs Office of the Governor's Office.

These two groups will be joining the children from the Koblerville Youth Learning Center, which is coordinated by Vernon Lee Manglona. ***(PR)***

Children from the Koblerville Youth Learning Center are now practicing for the Saipan Awaodori Team's performance during the Fourth of July parade.
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Children from the Tanapag Youth Center.
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Children from the Gualo Rai Youth Learning Center will join the Saipan Awaodori Team for the Fourth of July parade.

Tanapag Youth Center children mug for the camera as they prepare for the Fourth of July performance of the Saipan Awaodori Team.
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The government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands expects an allocation of $1,386,572 Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); $647,474 Home Investment Partnerships (HOME); and, $62,844 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) funds for Program Year (PY) 2009 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

CDBG funds, authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, may be used for a wide range of community development activities to revitalize neighborhoods, provide affordable housing, expand economic opportunities, and improve community facilities and services. However, use of these funds must meet at least one of the national objectives which include: 1) to benefit low and moderate-income families; 2) to eliminate slum or blight conditions; or 3) meet urgent community development needs.

The CDBG program requires grant recipients to certify that it will minimize displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. The CNMI government does not plan on undertaking any activity which will cause displacement of persons. In the event of any unforeseen displacement resulting from any CDBG-funded activity, the CNMI government will comply with the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, its implementing regulation and applicable local law.

HOME funds may be used to create affordable housing through financial assistance, site acquisition, or improvement, and rehabilitating existing residential dwellings as well as providing funds for new construction or purchase of a single-family residential dwelling. Use of HOME funds must benefit low-income families.

ESG funds may be used to rehabilitate or convert buildings into homeless shelters and for shelter operating expenses, supportive services and homeless prevention activities. Use of ESG funds must benefit the homeless.

In order to plan ahead as to the use(s) of the PY 2009 allocation which is expected within the next few months, the NMHC which administers the CPD program on behalf of the CNMI government, will be conducting hearings to obtain public input on community development and housing needs, and to provide information to the public on the status of the approved ongoing CDBG projects. The public hearings will be held as follows:

1. **On Rota, July 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the CDA/NMHC Office, Songsong Village, Rota;**
2. **On Tinian, July 9, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at the CDA/NMHC Office in San Jose Village; and,**
3. **On Saipan, July 10, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan.**

Additional inquiries concerning the CDBG program may be directed in writing to the Corporate Director, or Zenie P. Mafnas, Planner/Grant Writer, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. 500514, Saipan, MP. 96950, or by calling 234-6866 or 234-7689.

/s/Joshua T. Sasamoto
Corporate Director

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP 09-018

Project Management Services
for PSS Construction Projects in Rota

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified individuals or firms to manage PSS construction projects on the island of Rota, CNMI

Beginning June 15, 2009 the Scope of Work and related information is available at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the NMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950. Requests faxed to 664.3791 will also be entertained.

Proposals shall be placed in a sealed envelope marked **"RFP 09-018"** containing one (l) original and three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement and Supply Office no later than 11:30 a.m. on July 2, 2009. Any proposal received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Procedural questions shall be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement & Supply Officer, via fax to 664.3791 or e-mailed to florian@saipan.com. Technical questions may be addressed to David Loan, PSS CIP Coordinator, via fax to 237.3009 or e-mailed to loand@pss.cnmi.mp.

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/S/ Robert Florian
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NOTICE AS TO BOND CLAIMS

Pre-2006 CASES

June 22, 2009, first notice

June 29, 2009, second notice

Each of the cases listed below has been adjudicated or dismissed by the Administrative Hearing Office. In each case, a final action has been taken by the Administrative Hearing Office. All claims, including all claims for money damages, and all claims for eligibility for transfer, have been adjudicated or dismissed, and final notices have been published. Awards in some of these cases may be covered by labor bonds.

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Alternatively, any complainant who has already filed a declaration under oath with the federal ombudsman's office may either supply a copy of that declaration or authorize the ombudsman's office to supply a copy together with a copy of the administrative award to the Complaint Intake Section.

Name	Case Number	Date of Award	Respondent
Abaygar, Zenaida	04-0025 CA CAC#05-023-03	4/19/05 8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Alam, Md. Ashraful	CA#95-0008	3/7/96	Ayuyu, Augustine R. dba CNMI Security Service and Antonio Benavente dba Benavente Agency
Alam, Md. Monzurul	CA#97-0080	7/27/98	Lozano, Nelia D. dba Seiko Employment Service
Alam, S.M. Intakhab	A.C.#95-0167	3/4/96	Gonzales, Dina T. dba RJ Ent./Roding Ent.,
Alfaro, Lorna E.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Aliman, Doloras	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Al-Mahmud, Abdullah	AC#98-005	9/16/98	Ubongen, Segundino R.dba Philam Enterprises, USA
Andebor, Renaluz	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Angeles, Angelito M.	AC#98-020 LC#98-104	11/6/98	M-S-T Pacific Corporation dba Sakura Sushi Bar
Arachchilage, Saliya Rajapakshe	AC#98-015 LC#98-061	5/7/98	Ulanday, Ernie and Anthony M. Camacho dba GRL Investments
Arnaldo, Aurora A.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Babila, Punay D.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Barman, Balai Chanra	CA#00-0029	3/5/01	Commonwealth Security Services, Inc
Baruela, Enrique T.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Baruela, Rafaela N.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Batallones, Shirley	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Bautista, Jose Mari A.	AC#98-020 LC#98-104	11/6/98	M-S-T Pacific Corporation dba Sakura Sushi Bar
Bendana, Marivic	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Cadauan, Regina	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Carcueva, Caballas Isabelita	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Carino, Adona D.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Castillo, Gloria G.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Castro, Alicia G.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Chakraborty, Haridas	CA#00-0029	8/11/00	Duenas, George C. dba Commonwealth Security Services and Duenas Security Services
Chankoon, Chalao	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Chen, Hui Zhu	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Clemente, Rosario J.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
CO Jr., Ireneo R.	CA#95-00036	1/15/96	Duenas, George C., d/b/a Commonwealth Security Services, Inc.
Cruz, Danilo	CA#94-0004	2/1/94	Duenas, George C., d/b/a/ Commonwealth Security Services, Inc.
Dao, Wiboonsin	04-0025 CA	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
De Chavez, Florencia B.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
De Mesa, Percival	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Debnath, Krishna Gopal	AC#98-016, LC#97-530	5/8/98	Mareham, Antonio P. dba AMCO Security Agency
Decena, Josefa B.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Del Mundo, Evelyn	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Dela Cruz, Dionesia	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Dioneda, Teresita D.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Domaoal, Jocelyn Dlc.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Escobar, Emma S.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Escolona, Marites G.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Espinosa, Nenita Andea	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Fontanilla, Benito	96-0048 CV	10/25/96	Reyes, Antonio Aldan, dba Business Protection Services
Gabatino, Maryann G.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Gatamitan, Wilfredo	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Gemao, Gilbert	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Geronimo, Maricel D.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Guerrero, Bang-on	04-0025 CA	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Gunarathna, Kanchana S.	AC#98-041	9/11/98	Hwang, Byung Kil and Magdalena S. Hwang dba Kyoto Manpower Services,
Guzman, Andres Teel	BK#95-00016		Famco Security Services
Guzman, Elvira Nicolos	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Habibur	CA#04-0025 CAC#05-023-03	4/19/05 8/23/05	Sako Corporation Sako Corporation
Heneral, Anita D.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Hossain, Md. Alamgir	CA#04-0025	6/12/05	Sako Corporation
Hossain, Mutalib	AC#95-0167	3/4/96	Gonzales, Dina T. dba RJ Ent./Roding Ent.,
Islam, Md. Hafizul	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Islam, Md. Sahedul	AC#98-079	5/29/96	Reyes, Antonio dba BPS
Islam, Md. Saiful	AC#95-0167	3/4/96	Gonzales, Dina T. dba RJ Ent./Roding Ent.,
Islam, MD Nurul Bhuiyan	AC#98-079	10/28/98	Reyes, Antonio A.dba Business Protection Service
Jankun, Em-Ron	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Javier, Elmer Comandnte	CAC#01-024	1/5/03	Kay, David and Judy dba Figueroa's Bar and Grill
Kabir, Md. Iqbal	CA#95-0008	3/7/96	Ayuyu, Augustine R.dba CNMI Security Service and Antonio Benavente dba Benavente Agency
Kashem, Abul	AC#98-016, LC#97-530	5/8/98	Mareham, Antonio P. dba AMCO Security Agency
Khairul, Hasan Bhuiyan	CA#04-0025	6/12/05	Sako Corporation
Khankaew, Baothiang	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation

Name	Case Number	Date of Award	Respondent
Kumar, Pradip	AC#98-034 CAC#97-109-08	11/1/99	Mayon Enterprises Bicol Express
Lamphung, Wangkhooklang	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Legaspi, Marichu V.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Lizano, J. Yecla	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Lu, Hong Mei	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Lucina, Simeon V.	AC#98-016, LC#97-530	11/13/98	Aguon, Elena and Joseph Aguon dba E&J Enterprises
Maderista, Marilyn C.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Manase, Jesusa V.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Miah, Dulal	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Mobarak	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Mohamed, Jemal Mohamed	AC#98-041	9/11/98	Hwang, Byung Kil and Magdalena S. Hwang dba Kyoto Manpower Services,
Mohammed, Abu Younus	AC#98-016, LC#97-530	5/8/98	Mareham, Antonio P. dba AMCO Security Agency
Moral Rolando N.	CA#95-0036	1/15/96	Duenas, George C., d/b/a/ Commonwealth Security Services, Inc.
Mozid	AC#98-034 CAC#97-109-08	11/1/99	Mayon Enterprises Bicol Express
Nasawang, Pattaya	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Navarra, Marylou I.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Nimes, Edgardo D.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Pacayo, Alice	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Pangalinan II, Federico	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Panieza, Emilia Agana	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Parahan, Carlito I.	CAC#00-067-03	5/14/03	Buenaventura, Amelia, d/b/a Fortune International, Inc.
Patricio, Nenita F.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Paul, Bhola Nath	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Peralta, Elsie O.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Phonsan, Sudarat	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Phrommuang, Arisa	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Prakobbun, Sasiphong	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Quevedo, Alicia R.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Ragasa, Rose Marie	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Ramos Luis	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Ramos, Rosalinda T.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Raquepo †, Roberto	CAC#02-098-12	6/12/07	Island Security Services Inc
Rashid, Md. Mamun-Ur	AC#98-034 CAC#97-109-08	11/1/99	Mayon Enterprises Bicol Express
Rebamba, Johnny	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Reginio, Bernadeth	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Reginio, Evelyn	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Reyes, Lamberto	CAC#02-098-12		Island Security Services Inc
Ricardo, Dulay B.	CA#01-0039 CA#95-0036	6/10/02 1/15/96	Marquez, Nenita Valdez d/b/a N.V.M. Enterprises Duenas, George C. d/b/a/ Commonwealth Security Services, Inc.
Robiego, Alfredo	CA#94-0004	2/1/94	Duenas, George C. d/b/a/ Commonwealth Security Services, Inc.
Rubis, Imelda	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Ruiz, Ramil F.	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Safil	AC#98-082	11/13/98	Aguon, Elena Aguon and Joseph Aguon dba E&J Enterprises
Sagun, Imelda	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
San Gabrial, Corazon	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Sapitula, Arturo Zandueta	CA#94-0004	2/1/94	Duenas, George C. d/b/a/ Commonwealth Security Services, Inc.
Sarker, Md. Humayan Kabir	AC#95-0167	3/4/96	Gonzales, Dina T. dba RJ Ent./Roding Ent.,
Semana, Ednalyn L.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Simpilo, Evelyn	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Sunisa, Pitaprom	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Taesanthiah, Duongta K.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Talarde, Estelita A.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Thapthim, Kanchanamongkhon	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Tong, Ai Juan	CAC#05-023-03	8/23/05	Sako Corporation
Torio, Conrado M.	CAC#01-093-06	5/14/03	Sablan Construction Co., Ltd.
Uddin, Md. Aftab	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Uddin, Nasir	AC#98-016, LC#97-530	5/8/98	Mareham, Antonio P. dba AMCO Security Agency
Uggahakumbure, Pitiyegedara S.	AC#98-041	9/11/98	Hwang, Byung Kil and Magdalena S. Hwang dba Kyoto Manpower Services,
Ugma, Fely C.	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Ullah, Md. Habib	AC#95-0167	3/4/96	Gonzales, Dina T. dba RJ Ent./Roding Ent.,
Wanchanok, Numnoi	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Wangkhooklang, Lumpung	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Wiboonsin, Pao	CA#04-0025	4/19/05	Sako Corporation
Young, Ohi Hai	CAC#00-135-08	5/12/01	Eurotex (Saipan), Inc.
Zamal	AC#98-034		VIP Corporation
Zhu, Pei Lan	CAC#04-019-03, CAC#03-006-02	5/21/07	Net Corporation

Business

Regulators shut 5 banks; 45 failures this year

NEW YORK (AP)—Regulators on Friday shut down five small banks, boosting to 45 the number of failures this year of federally insured banks. More are expected to succumb in the prolonged recession.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was appointed receiver of the failed banks: Community Bank of West Georgia, based in Villa Rica, Ga.; Neighborhood Community Bank, located in Newnan, Ga.; Horizon Bank in Pine City, Minn.; MetroPacific Bank in Irvine, Calif.; and Mirae Bank in Los Angeles.

Community Bank of West Georgia had $199.4 million in assets and $182.5 million in deposits as of May 15. Neighborhood Community Bank had $221.6 million in assets and $191.3 million in deposits as of March 31. Horizon Bank had $87.6 million in assets and $69.4 million in deposits as of March 31. MetroPacific Bank had $80 million in assets and deposits of $73 million as of June 8. Mirae Bank had $456 million in assets and $362 million in deposits as of May 29.

The two closures in Georgia brought to 14 the number of banks in Georgia that have failed since the beginning of last year, more than in any other state. Most of the failures have involved banks in the Atlanta area, where the collapse of the real estate market brought economic dislocation.

CharterBank, based in West Point, Ga., agreed to assume all of the deposits of Neighborhood Community Bank and to purchase about $209.6 million of the assets; the FDIC will retain the remaining assets for later disposition. Neighborhood Community's four offices will reopen as branches of CharterBank.

The FDIC said it will mail checks to Community Bank of West Georgia depositors for the amounts of their insured funds. Direct deposits from the government, such as Social Security and veterans' benefits, will be transferred to United Community Bank in Blairsville, Ga.

Court order seeks to strip Madoff of $171 billion

NEW YORK (AP)—Bernard Madoff would be stripped of all his possessions under a $171 billion forfeiture order handed down only days before prosecutors seek to put the disgraced financier away in prison for the rest of his life.

U.S. District Judge Denny Chin entered the preliminary order Friday, ruling that Madoff must give up his interests in all property, including real estate, investments, cars and boats.

The forfeiture represents the total amount that could be connected to Madoff's fraud, not the amount stolen or lost, and the order made clear that nothing prevents other departments or entities from seeking to recover additional funds.

Madoff

A call to Madoff's lawyer, Ira Sorkin, after hours Friday was not immediately returned. In a court filing in March, Sorkin said the government's forfeiture demand of $177 billion was "grossly overstated—and misleading—even for a case of this magnitude."

The 71-year-old Madoff pleaded guilty in March to charges that his exclusive investment advisory business was actually a massive Ponzi scheme. Federal prosecutors say Madoff orchestrated perhaps the largest financial swindle in history.

Acting U.S. Attorney Lev Dassin, who released a copy of the order Friday night, plans to seek a 150-year prison term at Madoff's sentencing Monday. Sorkin has argued in court papers for a 12-year term.

According to Friday's order, the government also settled claims against Madoff's wife. Under the arrangement, the government obtained Ruth Madoff's interest in all property, including more than $80 million-worth that she had claimed was hers, prosecutors said. The order left her $2.5 million in assets.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Companies appeal to China to drop Web filter plan

BEIJING (AP)—Global business groups have made an unusual direct appeal to Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao to scrap an order for PC makers to supply controversial Internet filtering software, citing security and privacy concerns. Just days before the deadline to comply with China's order, the letter from 22 chambers of commerce and trade groups representing the world's major technology suppliers adds to pressure on Beijing to halt the plan following an official protest by Washington. The order requires manufacturers to preinstall or supply "Green Dam Youth Escort" software with PCs made for sale in China beginning Wednesday. "The Green Dam mandate raises significant questions of security, privacy, system reliability, the free flow of information and user choice," said the letter dated Friday, a copy of which was provided to The Associated Press. It appealed to Wen to "reconsider implementing the Green Dam requirements."

Obama pushes Senate to act on climate measure

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hailing the House, President Barack Obama put pressure on senators Saturday to follow its lead and pass legislation to limit greenhouse gas emissions, helping usher the U.S. into a new age of energy efficiency. "Now my call to every senator, as well as to every American, is this: We cannot be afraid of the future. And we must not be prisoners of the past," the president said in his weekly radio and Internet address. "Don't believe the misinformation out there that suggests there is somehow a contradiction between investing in clean energy and economic growth. It's just not true." The legislation, which the House narrowly approved Friday night, would place the first national limits on emissions of greenhouse gases from major sources—such as power plants, factories and oil refineries—to reduce the gases linked to global climate change. It would also start moving the U.S. away from fossil fuels and toward cleaner power sources, such as geothermal, wind, solar and more nuclear generators.

GOP urges more spending restraint in programs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans concerned about the Obama administration's big spending on economic stimulus, energy and health care are asking, "Where are the jobs?" "The president and Democrats in Congress claim this spending binge is necessary to put Americans back to work," House Republican leader John Boehner said Saturday in the Republican radio and Internet address. "They promised unemployment would not rise above 8 percent if their trillion-dollar stimulus was passed. The administration was wrong, Boehner said. "Unemployment has soared above 9 percent. And now the president admits that unemployment will soon reach double digits.

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB09-OPM-086
Submission/Opening Date: July 15, 2009 • Time: 10:00 a.m.

"OFFICE SPACE LEASE FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, SAIPAN"

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan during regular working hours.

Preference is available to US Citizens or Permanent Residents as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 and must be submitted with the bid if preference is claimed.

The lessor must comply with CNMI Public Law 15-23, Article 5, Section 8652 (A)-(D)

/s/ ISIDRO K. SEMAN
ACTING DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP09-DEQ-103
Submission: July 20, 2009 • Time: 2:00 p.m.

"BIOLOGICAL CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

Copies of the scope of work may be obtained at the DEQ office located in the Gualo Rai Center building, Saipan.

Questions regarding this project may be submitted by facsimile to **MR. Frank M. Rabauliman, Director of DEQ** at (670) 664-8500 no later than the close of business on July 09, 2009.

/s/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN
DIRECTOR, DEQ

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents

Board of Regents Conference room, NMC - Saipan Campus
Thursday, July 2, 2009
3:30pm

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  a. Roll Call
  b. Review and Adoption of Agenda
  c. Review and Adoption of Minutes
    1. March 30, 2009 – Regular Meeting
    2. April 14, 2009 – Special Meeting
    3. May 28, 2009 – Special Meeting
II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
III. **REPORTS**
  a. Associated Students of NMC
  b. Staff Senate
  c. Faculty Senate
  d. President
    1. CFAO Financial Report
  e. BOR Standing Committees
    1. Fiscal Committee
      a. ARRA Stabilization funds
    2. Personnel Committee
      a. President's statement of evaluation
      b. President's goals and objectives 2009 – 2010
      c. Board Retreat/Training
    3. Program Committee
      a. BOR Scholarship Criteria
    4. Legislative Committee
IV. **OLD BUSINESS**
  a. WASC Accreditation Update
V. **NEW BUSINESS**
  a. Board Honorarium
  b. Board Meeting Schedule
  c. Election of Officers
VI. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
  (At any time during the scheduled meeting the Board of Regents may be required to enter into executive session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential)
VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

/s/ Regent Charles V. Cepeda
Chairperson, BOR

June 25, 2009
Date

Northern Mariana Islands
RETIREMENT FUND

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC, Division 9, §9910, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the NMI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees/Workers' Compensation Commission/Group Health & Life Insurance Trust Fund, are hereby giving notice that the ***Special*** meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for **Monday, June 29, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** is rescheduled to **Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.** at the **NMI Retirement Fund Conference Room, Saipan.**

AGENDA

I. **PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
  A. **Call to Order**
  B. **Roll Call**
  C. **Adoption of Agenda**
II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
III. **OLD BUSINESS**
  1. **Civil Action No. 06-0367**
IV. **NEW BUSINESS**
  1. **Civil Case No. 09-0021**
  2. **Civil Case No. 09-0022**
  3. **Petition for Letters of Instructions**
V. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
VI. **MISCELLANEOUS**
  A. **Announcements**
  B. **Next Meeting**
  C. **Adjournment**

/s/ JUAN T. GUERRERO
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Eleventh CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Napu Room, Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. **Preliminary**
  a. Call to Order
  b. Roll Call
  c. Adoption of Agenda
  d. Adoption of Minutes
    i. May 14, 2009 SBOE Meeting
II. **Public Comments**[1]
III. **Reports**
  a. Chair
  b. Board Committees
    i. CIA
    ii. CIP
    iii. FPA
    iv. LIA
    v. School Reform and Special Education & Early Childhood
    vi. Private Schools and Non-Public School Representative
    vii. Student Representative
  c. Commissioner of Education
    i. Financial Reports – Local & Federal
    ii. Head Start Monthly Report
    iii. Other Matters
IV. **Communications**
V. **Old Business**
VI. **New Business**
  a. Revised CNMI Consolidated ARRA Formula Grants under Title V
  b. Head Start Expansion Grant Application
  c. Head Start Supplemental Grant Application
  d. Federal Transit Administration Grant Application
  e. Comments to HB 16-236
  f. Legal Counsel position
  g. EEOC Settlement of DM
VII. **Executive Session**[2]
  a. Legal Updates
  b. Legal counsel resignation and repatriation
  c. La Mode Deposition
  d. CIC v. GBI, CDA, PSS
  e. EEOC Settlement of DM
  f. Personnel
  g. Other matters
VIII. **Miscellaneous Matter**
  a. Clarification of Roles of Standing Committees
IX. **Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting**
X. **Adjournment**

[1] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Nation

Did toxic chemical in Iraq cause GIs' illnesses?

By SHARON COHEN
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Larry Roberta's every breath is a painful reminder of his time in Iraq. He can't walk a block without gasping for air. His chest hurts, his migraines sometimes persist for days and he needs pills to help him sleep.

James Gentry came home with rashes, ear troubles and a shortness of breath. Later, things got much worse: He developed lung cancer, which spread to his spine, ribs and one of his thighs; he must often use a cane, and no longer rides his beloved Harley.

David Moore's postwar life turned into a harrowing medical mystery: nosebleeds and labored breathing that made it impossible to work, much less speak. His desperate search for answers ended last year when he died of lung disease at age 42.

What these three men—one sick, one dying, one dead—had in common is they were National Guard soldiers on the same stretch of wind-swept desert in Iraq during the early months of the war in 2003.

These soldiers and hundreds of other Guard members from Indiana, Oregon and West Virginia were protecting workers hired by a subsidiary of the giant contractor, KBR Inc., to rebuild an Iraqi water treatment plant. The area, as it turned out, was contaminated with hexavalent chromium, a potent, sometimes deadly chemical linked to cancer and other devastating diseases.

No one disputes that. But that's where agreement ends.

ACROSS THE NATION

Sophisticated weather satellite rockets into orbit

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP)—A sophisticated new weather satellite rocketed into orbit Saturday, giving forecasters another powerful tool for tracking hurricanes and tornadoes. An unmanned rocket carrying the nation's latest Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite blasted off early Saturday evening, a day late because of thunderstorms. The satellite headed toward a 22,000-mile(35,400-kilometer)-high orbit, where it will undergo six months of testing. It will circle Earth as a spare and be called into service when needed. The GOES satellite network provides continuous weather monitoring for 60 percent of the planet, including the United States. The newer ones also monitor solar flares that can disrupt communications on Earth, and track climate change.

Legality of SC gov's tryst raises questions

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford admits he used bad judgment when he secretly visited his mistress during a state-funded trip to Argentina last year. But did he break the law? As calls mounted for a criminal probe of the trade mission, a spokeswoman for the state's law enforcement division said it doesn't appear Sanford did anything illegal. Spokeswoman Jennifer Timmons said the information provided so far indicates Sanford met his mistress on private time during a legitimate business trip. "Perhaps his judgment was clouded, but he did not have criminal intent," Timmons said Saturday.

US pastor welcomes guns, their owners to church

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)—A gun-toting Kentucky pastor says it's OK to bring weapons to church—at least for one day. Ken Pagano asked his flock to bring their unloaded handguns— in holsters—to New Bethel Church in Louisville for a celebration of the Second Amendment of the U.S. Consitution that guarantees the right to bear arms. More than 200 people answered his call. There was just one rule for the several dozen who brought their guns along: No bullets.

INVITATION FOR BIDS
WATER TASK FORCE
IFB09-GOV-095

Governor Benigno R. Fitial, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the Rapogao and Sablan Quarry Well Fields Isolation and Water System Improvement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal a copy of his CNMI Business License in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Approximately 8,900 linear feet of distribution and transmission lines and appurtenances.
- One new 0.40 MG glass fused to steel water storage tank, with site work including access road and retaining wall
- New Chlorination System building
- Reconnection of numerous existing water service connections
- Two new pressure reducing stations
- Additive Bids for Maui IV booster station rehabilitation and the Flame Tree water line replacement

A non-refundable payment of $300 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **June 8, 2009** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at **10:00** a.m., on **June 23, 2009**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be scheduled at the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on **June 22, 2009**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations as out in the NMI Administrative Code Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is available to local bidders per Public Law 5-95 and 5-118.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB09-GOV-095".** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 pm local time **July 8, 2009**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 3:00 pm local time **July 8, 2009**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 8, 2009**, and must be received no later than **July 17, 2009**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 3:00 pm local time, **July 20, 2009**. However, if no Notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **July 9, 2009**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Benigno R. Fitial
Governor and Contracting Officer

Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
WATER TASK FORCE
RFP09-GOV-110

A&E of Tinian 0.5 Million Gallon Reservoir

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from licensed architectural and engineering (A&E) firms for the Design of Tinian 0.5 Million Gallon Reservoir, Carolinas, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, on or after **June 22, 2009**.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 pm, **July 7, 2009**, to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number (670) 664-2279.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is available to local proposers per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118. If preference is claimed, it must be claimed at the time of proposal submission.

Four (4) copies plus one original of the sealed Proposals must be submitted to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than **2:00 p.m., (CNMI local time), on July 22, 2009.**

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"A&E of Tinian 0.5 Million Gallon Reservoir Project, RFP09- GOV-110".** For proposers within the CNMI, one (1) original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **2:00 p.m. (CNMI local time), on July 22, 2009.** Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **2:00 p.m. (CNMI local time), on July 22, 2009**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to **(670) 664-1515** or email procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and four (4) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 22, 2009** and must be received no later than **July 31, 2009**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interests of the CNMI. All Proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

Benigno R. Fitial
Governor, CNMI

Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

Asia

NKorea threatens to shoot down Japanese spy planes

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea threatened Saturday to shoot down any Japanese planes that enter its airspace, accusing Tokyo of spying near one of its missile launch sites.

The North has designated a no-sail zone off its eastern coast from June 25 to July 10 for military drills, raising concerns that it might test-fire short- or mid-range missiles in the coming days, in violation of a U.N. resolution.

North Korea's air force said Japan's E-767 surveillance aircraft conducted aerial espionage near the Musudan-ri missile site on its northeast coast Wednesday and Thursday.

The military "will not tolerate even a bit the aerial espionage by the warmongers of the Japanese aggression forces but mercilessly shoot down any plane intruding into the territorial air of the (North) even 0.001 mm," the air force said in a statement carried by the country's official Korean Central News Agency.

An official from Japan's Defense Ministry said the country's planes regularly gather information on North Korea but declined to comment on the types of planes used or the locations monitored. He spoke on condition of anonymity, citing government policy.

The threat against alleged Japanese aerial espionage is rare, though the North has regularly complained of U.S. spy missions in its airspace.

11 militants killed in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Warplanes and helicopter gunships pounded suspected militant positions in Pakistan's troubled northwest on Sunday, killing 11 Taliban fighters, intelligence officials said.

Elsewhere in the region, two government soldiers were killed and four were wounded when insurgents attacked a pair of military outposts near Wana in South Waziristan shortly after morning prayers with rockets, missiles and small arms fire, two intelligence officials said.

The military confirmed that two bases had been attacked, but could not immediately comment on casualties.

Violence has spiked in recent weeks in South Waziristan, a rugged tribal area along Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, as the government prepares for an apparent offensive there aimed at eliminating Pakistani Taliban leader Baitullah Mehsud.

The military kept up its campaign in the region on Sunday. Jet fighters struck the village of Kani Guram overnight, leaving eight militants dead, while helicopter gunships hit positions in Shah Alam and Raghhzai, killing three more fighters, the intelligence officials told The Associated Press.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose the information.

It was not possible to independently confirm the casualty counts and identities of those reported killed. Journalists have little access to the remote, dangerous region.

Anti-govt protesters mass in Bangkok

BANGKOK (AP)—Former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra lamented that he was "really lonely" in self-imposed exile and urged thousands of cheering supporters to help him return to Thailand "to serve the public" in one of the country's largest demonstrations in months.

More than 30,000 supporters stood in heavy rains in Bangkok on Saturday to hear the media tycoon, who addressed the crowd via telephone link from what he said was an undisclosed location near the Thai border.

The rally ended peacefully early Sunday.

The enthusiastic reception - more than two months after deadly clashes in the capital between his rural-based "red-shirt" supporters and security forces - underscored Thaksin's continuing political clout.

Protest leaders led by Thaksin said they are continuing to call for Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's resignation, the dissolution of parliament, and new elections - demands the government has repeatedly rejected.

"We come here because we want to see true democracy," Thaksin told the crowd, gathered on the soggy Sanam Luang field in central Bangkok. "We loathe injustice. We loathe double standards. We're here to say if you want us to stop, then return justice and true democracy."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Ethnic clash in Chinese factory kills 2, hurts 118

BEIJING (AP)—Ethnic tensions between workers at a toy factory in southern China sparked a brawl that left two dead and 118 injured, state media and a government spokesman said Saturday. The official China News Service said hundreds of workers at the Xuri Toy Factory in Shaoguan City fought for two hours before more than 400 police restored order early Friday morning. A spokesman from the Shaoguan City government said the brawl was due to tensions between Uighurs - Turkic-speaking Muslims - and Han Chinese, who make up most of China's population. The news service said 14 among the 118 people who were hurt suffered serious injuries.

12 China officials jailed for landslide

BEIJING (AP)—A Chinese court has jailed 12 officials for a mine accident last year that triggered a landslide which swept through a northern village and killed at least 277 people, an official said Sunday. The officials were sentenced to one to five years on charges of negligence and abuse of power, said an official with the Xiangfen county government in Shanxi province who would only give his surname. Li said he had no further details. The Sept. 8 disaster in Shanxi underscored two major public safety concerns in China: the failure to enforce protective measures in the country's notoriously deadly mines, and the unsound state of many of its bridges, dams and other aging infrastructure.

US announces big shift in Afghanistan drug policy

TRIESTE, Italy (AP)—The U.S. is shifting its strategy against Afghanistan's drug trade, phasing out funding for opium eradication while boosting efforts to fight trafficking and promote alternate crops, the U.S. envoy for Afghanistan said Saturday. The aim of the new policy: to deprive the Taliban of the tens of millions of dollars in drug revenues that are fueling its insurgency. The U.S. envoy for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Richard Holbrooke, told the Associated Press that poppy eradication - for years a cornerstone of U.S. and U.N. drug trafficking efforts in the country - was not working and was only driving Afghan farmers into the hands of the Taliban.

World

Iran pledges a 'crushing' response to US critiques

EDITOR'S NOTE: Iranian authorities have barred journalists for international news organizations from reporting on the streets and ordered them to stay in their offices. This report is based on the accounts of witnesses reached in Iran and official statements carried on Iranian media.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad vowed Saturday to make the U.S. regret its criticism of Iran's postelection crackdown and said the "mask has been removed" from the Obama administration's efforts to improve relations.

Ahmadinejad—with his internal opponents virtually silenced—all but dared Obama to keep calling for an end to repression of demonstrators who claim the hardline leader stole re-election through massive fraud.

"You should know that if you continue the response of the Iranian nation will be strong," Ahmadinejad said in a speech to members of Iran's judiciary, which is directly controlled by the ruling clerics. "The response of the Iranian nation will be crushing. The response will cause remorse."

Ahmadinejad has no authority to direct major policy decisions on his own—a power that rests with the non-elected theocracy. But his comments often reflect the thinking of the ruling establishment.

The cleric-led regime now appears to have quashed a protest movement that brought hundreds of thousands to the streets of Tehran and other cities in the greatest challenge to its authority in 30 years. There have been no significant demonstrations in days, and the most significant signs of dissent are the cries of "God is great!" echoing from the rooftops, a technique dating to the days of protest against the U.S.-backed shah before the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Days of relatively restrained talk from both Washington and Tehran appear to be returning to a familiar pattern of condemnation and recrimination despite Obama's stated desire to move away from mutual hostility. Iran and the U.S. still appear interested in negotiations over Iran's nuclear program, but the rising rhetorical temperature can be expected to slow progress toward a deal, experts said.

"The political feasibility of pursuing it, and the likelihood of success has changed," said Trita Parsi, president of the National Iranian American Council. "I have a hard time seeing any real engagement taking place for at least four to six months."

Obama acknowledged Friday that Iran's violent suppression of unrest would hinder progress, saying "There is no doubt that any direct dialogue or diplomacy with Iran is going to be affected by the events of the last several weeks."

Obama struck a conciliatory tone toward Iran after taking office, sending a video greeting for Persian New Year that used the government's formal name—the Islamic Republic of Iran—in a signal that the goal of regime change had been set aside. He even avoided strong language as Iran began suppressing street protests, saying he wanted to avoid becoming a foil for Iranian hard-liners who blame the United States and other Western powers for instigating internal dissent.

But Obama decried Iran's crackdown more vigorously as amateur videos of beating and shootings began flooding the Internet. He said Friday in his strongest condemnation yet that violence perpetrated against protesters was "outrageous," and dismissed a demand from Ahmadinejad to repent for earlier criticism.

"I would suggest that Mr. Ahmadinejad think carefully about the obligations he owes to his own people," Obama added.

Iran also had been stopping short of its normally harsh language about the U.S., mostly blaming Britain and even France and Germany as Mousavi's supporters demanded a new election. Ahmadinejad had made relatively few appearances in an apparent attempt to avoid inflaming the situation.

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In this image issued by the semi-official Iranian Students News Agency, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, 3rd left, and head of Iran's judiciary Ayatollah Mahmoud Hashemi Shahroudi, center, attend during a ceremony of judiciary in Tehran, Iran on Saturday June, 27, 2009.

WORLD BRIEFS

Australia intercepts boat with 194 refugees

SYDNEY (AP)—Australian authorities on Sunday intercepted a boat in the Indian Ocean carrying 194 suspected asylum seekers, an official said, as the political opposition accused the government of being too soft on immigration. It is the largest of the 15 boats of asylum seekers detained in Australian waters so far this year. The nationalities of those on board the latest was not immediately clear. The vessel was spotted Friday by a surveillance aircraft and intercepted Sunday by a Navy ship operating under the control of the Border Protection Command, about 23 nautical miles (26.5 miles; 43 kilometers) northwest of Christmas Island, Home Affairs Minister Brendan O'Connor said in a statement.

NATO and Russia resume military ties

CORFU, Greece (AP)—NATO and Russia have agreed to resume military ties in their first high-level meeting since Russia's war with Georgia disrupted their relations 10 months ago. NATO's outgoing Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer announced Saturday that the so-called NATO-Russia Council, a panel set up in 2002 to improve ties between the former Cold War rivals, was operational again. "It was my ambition to leave to my successor an NRC that is up and running," said de Hoop Scheffer, whose term as secretary-general ends Aug. 1. Relations between the alliance and the Russian military were frozen after the five-day Georgian war last August.

Health & Fitness

For a dentist, the mouth holds clues to many ills

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Your mouth can tell you a lot about your overall health.

Troubled teeth and gums aren't always just a dental problem. Sometimes they indicate deeper issues, and dentists are increasingly picking up the clues.

"We look around the mouth and we look for color changes. We're looking for certain smells. Spots around the gums," said Washington dentist Joseph Kravitz.

The relation of oral health to the rest of the body has gotten increased attention in recent years, spurred by such experts as Richard H. Carmona, who as U.S. surgeon general urged policymakers in 2003 to "increase the understanding of how the signs and symptoms of oral infections can indicate general health status and act as a marker for other diseases." The publicity reminded a lot of dentists that their jobs weren't just about root canals and fillings, and it educated the public, Kravitz said.

Following are some non-oral-health issues and the possible clues Kravitz says dentists may be able to identify:

■ Heart disease. Gums that have turned a "bright beefy red" or purple. Kravitz checks his patients' blood pressure when he notices those symptoms.

■ Type 2 diabetes. Gums that bleed at the slightest touch although there is no plaque evident. Kravitz said patients with diabetes also typically have sores elsewhere on their bodies that they may not have connected to the disease.

■ Kidney disease. A sweet ammonia smell on a person's breath, detectable even from behind a dentist's surgical mask.

■ Acid reflux. Teeth that look worn and pitted, as if they'd been "dipped in battery acid." Only some teeth will be affected, depending on where the acids settle during a person's typical sleeping position.

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■ Oral cancer. Gum tissues with white spots that last two weeks or more. (Kravitz said spots that clear up more quickly can indicate many other things, including something as simple as having bitten into too-hot pizza.)

■ Leukemia. Fiery-red swollen gums that just won't heal, distinguishable from diabetes symptoms with a blood test.

■ Osteoporosis. Certain black spots on tooth X-rays that indicate air pockets and dead bone.

■ Stress. Gums that have pulled away from teeth, or teeth that themselves are fractured. All sorts of fungal, bacterial and viral infections can enter the body through cracked teeth, Kravitz said.

■ Sleep apnea. An enlarged tongue and inflamed gums in the part of the mouth through which air passes.

■ Pregnancy. Deeply swollen gums can indicate hormonal changes.

■ Bulimia. Upper front teeth that are paper thin, with the enamel almost completely worn away, and teeth that hurt. Distinguishable from acid reflux because different teeth are affected.

Kravitz said patients should make sure that dentists aren't "just looking in their mouths for five to 10 seconds" and that a thorough inspection should take at least five minutes.

He said that when he notices symptoms in his patients' mouths, he'll often have them come back in two weeks. About half the time, the symptoms are gone with no lasting effect. The other half of the time, he'll refer the patient to a physician.

How to take a breather

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WASHINGTON—About 200 people are sitting on yoga mats in a Washington hotel ballroom trying to learn how to do something they already do about 21,600 times a day: breathe.

This "automatic breathing" they've been doing all their lives? No good. So they're learning to breathe deeply from their diaphragms and hoping that benefits—such as stress reduction, better sleep and increased mental focus—will follow.

"If you're angry and you want to be calm, what do you do? Breathe how?" asks senior teacher Rajshree Patel from a stage at the front of the room, a white orchid at her side. "The breath of rest and relaxation. And you will see the mind will shift. If you switch the rhythm of breath, it will switch the emotion."

"Take a Breath DC" ran from Wednesday to Saturday and culminated in a group meditation for about 600 in Lafayette Park. The course was organized by the Art of Living Foundation, a nonprofit group here. The cornerstone of Art of Living is a rhythmic breathing technique called Sudarshan Kriya. About 30 years ago, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar discovered that this type of breathing, combined with yoga and meditation, can bring inner peace; he and his followers have taught the art of better breathing to millions since then.

The students must agree to these rules:

1. Be on time.
2. Finish the course.
3. Eat a vegetarian diet. (One muscular young man seems concerned he won't get enough protein. "I'll let you eat eggs," Patel says. "Because they're not chickens yet.")
4. No alcohol. ("You're going to do a lot of cleansing of the system, and you'll find that if you've had alcohol the night before—or the morning or the afternoon—what happens is, in the evening, the first thing you'll cleanse is the alcohol, and I'd like to go to deeper layers of cleansing with you.")
5. Refrain from tobacco.
6. No recreational drugs.

Students get extra credit for avoiding caffeine.

Vincent Ko, a Georgetown University student, says, "I'm at that point where I'm going to be a senior, and I'm really stressed out about what I'm going to do for the rest of my life. I'm trying to start this business, I want to be an entrepreneur, but then, like, should I do an investment banker type of deal? So I'm just freaking out. ... I'm at a crossroads."

After a break, the students learn the first breathing technique aimed at bringing the mind into the present moment: "ujjayi," sometimes called "ocean breath" because it makes the sound of the sea. The 14 Art of Living instructors and 46 teachers-in-training scatter throughout the room and show the students how to breathe in and out through their noses while constricting the backs of their throats. When everyone has it down, Patel instructs them to sit cross-legged, close their eyes and practice ujjayi breath.

By the end of the four days, Ko is a believer: "It was really powerful. While we were doing meditation, I could visualize all my stress, and it stopped bothering me."

Swine flu shot campaign could involve 600M doses

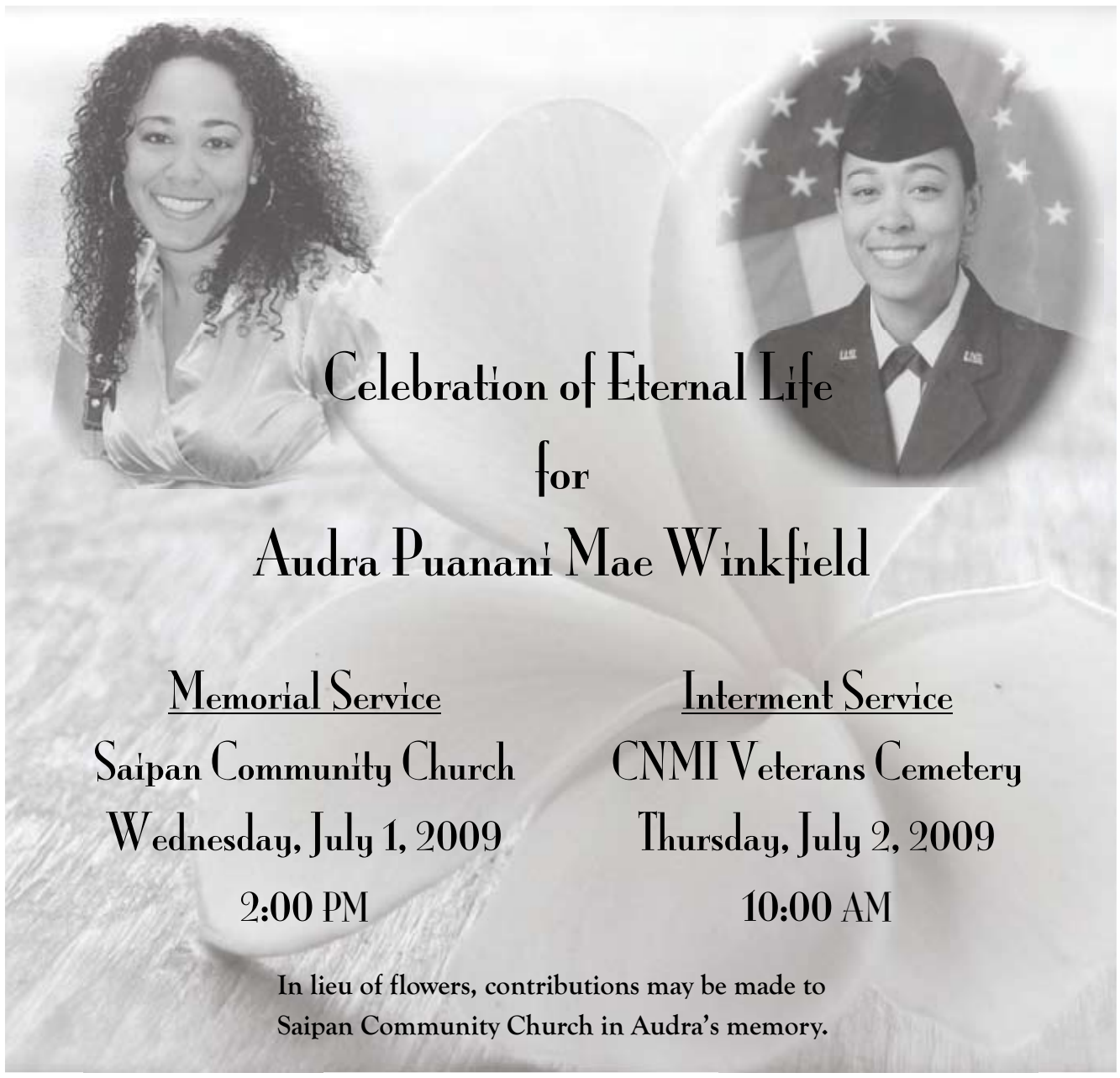
ATLANTA (AP)—A potential fall swine flu immunization campaign may involve an unprecedented 600 million doses of vaccine, though officials said Friday they haven't figured out how to administer so many doses or accurately track side effects if a seasonal vaccine is given simultaneously.

The swine flu campaign could far eclipse the roughly 115 million doses of seasonal flu vaccine distributed each year, officials said at a national vaccine advisory committee meeting.

No final decision has been made about whether a swine flu vaccination campaign will take place or whether all Americans would get immunizations. Health officials said that a swine flu vaccination campaign could be only a few months away, and that as many as 60 million doses could be ready by September. The timing depends on how fast a vaccine can be produced and tested, however.

However, health officials are clearly getting ready for a massive vaccination effort, and worry that illnesses could continue or even accelerate in the fall or winter. Preparation discussions dominated a three-day meeting in Atlanta of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, a panel that guides U.S. vaccination policy.

The virus already has caused at least 27,000 illnesses and 127 deaths in this country.



Life & Style

Court fight over Jackson's children looms

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LOS ANGELES (AP)—Given the secrecy surrounding Michael Jackson's children throughout his life, it's no surprise that there are lingering questions about who will care for them after his death. What is almost certain is this: Their fate will be decided in a courtroom, with several people possibly vying for custody.

Experts say the person who has the strongest legal claim to Jackson's two oldest children is their mother, Deborah Rowe. As for the youngest child, Jackson's wishes will be more influential.

It remains unclear who Jackson designated as potential guardians for his children. Those details—likely contained in the 50-year-old singer's will—have not been released.

Rowe's attorney, Marta Almli, wrote in a statement Saturday that "Ms. Rowe's only thoughts at this time have been regarding the devastating loss Michael's family has suffered. Ms. Rowe requests that Michael's family, and particularly the children, be spared such harmful, sensationalist speculation and that they be able to say goodbye to their loved one in peace."

Jackson never told his family who he had in place to handle his business affairs, a person close to the family told The Associated Press on Friday. The person, who requested anonymity because of the delicate nature of the situation, said they were told by the singer's phalanx of advisers that he likely had a will, but it may be many years old.

The person also said that the children are still in the care of the extended Jackson family for the moment.

Jackson left behind three children: Michael Joseph Jackson Jr., known as Prince Michael, 12; Paris Michael Katherine Jackson, 11; and Prince Michael II, 7. The elder children were born to Rowe, while the youngest is his biological son, born to a surrogate mother.

Prince Michael II's mother has never been identified, and while she may surface, it is likely that she signed away her rights, said Stacy Phillips, a Los Angeles divorce attorney who has represented numerous high-profile clients.

Jackson was by several accounts an attentive and loving father.

"He was a great father," said Raymone Bain, Jackson's former publicist and general manager. "Those kids knew three and four languages. Even the little one. They were well mannered and sweet. I can't imagine these children without him."

He was extremely protective of his children, who weren't often seen in public, and were photographed wearing veils, masks or other items covering their faces when they were.

Rowe, a former nurse for Jackson's dermatologist, married Jackson in 1996 but filed for divorce in 1999. She later gave up her custody rights to the children, but petitioned to have those rights restored in 2003 after Jackson was arrested on child molestation charges, and an appeals court sided with her.

Jackson and Rowe apparently agreed in 2006 regarding her rights, but the terms have never been disclosed. The couple's divorce case that was heard in Los Angeles Superior Court remains closed.

Phillips said if her parental rights remain intact, she's presumed to be first in line to receive custody of her two children. "That could still be contested," she added.

Rowe would have to undergo an evaluation by the court to determine if she's the best person to care for Jackson's children. So, too, would anyone else who applies to become the children's guardian — some of whom may have Jackson's blessing.

"If he did indicate a preference, that will be given great weight, but that will not be determinative," said Los Angeles attorney Gloria Allred. "Children are not property, they cannot be willed to another person."

Allred agreed that Rowe has better legal standing than others who apply for custody of Jackson's eldest children. "She's definitely going to have an advantage."

But judges in California often take into account who is left in the children's lives with a strong bond, said Charlotte Goldberg, a family law professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

"It's really a balance between continuity and stability and a biological relationship," Goldberg said.

A judge deciding the matter may even seek input in chambers from Jackson's children about who they feel comfortable with, she said.

But a court will also take into account with whom the children have a relationship bond, and that may not work in Rowe's favor. She wrote in a 2001 petition to sever her parental rights that she thought Jackson was doing a good parenting job.

"Michael has been a wonderful father to the children, and I do not wish to share any parenting responsibilities with Michael because he is doing so well without me," Rowe wrote.

Spokeswoman: Jackson cardiologist not a suspect

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The cardiologist who was with Michael Jackson when he collapsed is "in no way a suspect" in the pop singer's death, a spokeswoman for the doctor said Saturday after a three-hour interview with detectives. Dr. Conrad Murray "helped identify the circumstances around the death of the pop icon and clarified some inconsistencies," spokeswoman Miranda Sevcik said in a statement. "Investigators say the doctor is in no way a suspect and remains a witness to this tragedy." Police confirmed that they interviewed Murray, adding that he was cooperative and "provided information which will aid the investigation." The statement said Murray rode in the ambulance and stayed at the hospital for hours, "comforting and consoling the Jackson family." It also said he has been in Los Angeles since Jackson's death, and plans to stay here until his cooperation is no longer needed.

AP source says Jackson's mother retains his lawyer

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A person close to the situation says Michael Jackson's mother has chosen one of the singer's longtime lawyers to represent the family's legal interests. Katherine Jackson has selected L. Londell McMillan, who has represented Jackson in several cases in the past, said the person, who requested anonymity because the matter is private. Since Jackson's death Thursday, the family has expressed their concern about whether Jackson had a will, and who was advising him in his final days.

Filipino inmates in 'Thriller' video stage tribute

AP

Inmates at the island province of Cebu in central Philippines dance to the late Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to pay tribute to the music icon Saturday June 27, 2009.

CEBU, Philippines (AP)—The Filipino inmates who shot to global fame with a YouTube video of their "Thriller" dance swayed and stomped again Saturday in a behind-bars tribute to their idol, Michael Jackson.

After being told of Jackson's death Thursday in Los Angeles, the 1,500 inmates at the Cebu Provincial Detention and Rehabilitation Center hit the exercise yard, practicing for nine hours Friday night—and into the wee hours of Saturday morning—for the show. They took breaks only to eat or when it rained, said professional choreographer Gwendolyn Lador, hired by the prison to teach the inmates the dance.

ON THE NET

Performance of "Thriller": http://www.youtube.com/watch?vhMnk7Ih9M3o

"I felt sad because we lost our idol," said inmate Wenjiel Resane, who plays the role of Jackson's girlfriend in the video.

Crisanto Nieri, 38, was feeling a little extra stress. He danced Jackson's part in "Thriller."

"Even as a kid, he was already my idol," said Nieri, who is serving seven years on drug charges. "I am happy that our video became famous, but I feel some pressure to perform well."

A crowd of 700 Cebuanos and foreign tourists watched the performance from a second-floor corridor, swaying to the music and applauding as the inmates, dressed in orange prison T-shirts and sweat pants, stomped and clapped in unison in the hilltop prison, behind thick stone walls topped by electrified razor wire.

Other numbers included "Ben," "I'll Be There" and "We Are the World." The inmates then held up a 5-by-10 foot (1.5-by-3 meter) tarpaulin showing Michael Jackson holding a sword with his name written below it.

Others waved the flags of the Philippines and other nations.

Before the show, the performers dedicated a prayer to Jackson's family.

"I was sad because one of the songs of Michael Jackson, `Thriller,' made us famous around the world," said Francis Mercader, 36, who has spent a year in detention while on trial for drug charges.

Byron Garcia, the Cebu provincial security consultant who came up with the idea of adding synchronized dancing to poorly attended exercise sessions, said he was surprised by the popularity of the 2007 video—one of more than a dozen inmate dance numbers he has posted on YouTube.

"Thriller" has attracted 24.3 million hits since it was posted two years ago, with nearly a million of them in the 24 hours since news of Jackson's death spread.

The inmates "consider Michael Jackson as a god here," Garcia said. "If not for Michael Jackson, they would not have this international recognition."

"The fame brought them back their self-esteem," he told reporters. "So that's why we have these public performances."

Inmate Alfredo Gaballo, 52, says Jackson "inspired us, so we are all sad about his death."

"The performance today has been amazing," said Karen Benrad, 29, from London. She and about two dozen foreign and local tourists later joined the inmates at the prison quadrangle, dancing to the tune of "Macarena" and "I just can't get enough."

Kim Hua-sung, a 23-year-old South Korean student in Cebu who watched the inmates' performance, said he is also a Jackson fan. "I'm sad that I can't listen to more songs from him."

In Taiwan, two top Michael Jackson impersonators donned fedora hats and sequined outfits Saturday, moonwalking to "Billie Jean" in their own tribute to the pop star.

Thirty-year-old Wang Chih-wei told The Associated Press he secured a photo op with his idol during Jackson's whirlwind tour in 1993 after winning an impersonation contest.

"I didn't know much English so I could only tell him, 'I love you,'" Wang said. "He was very friendly. I melted when he put his hand on my shoulder for the photo."

Arab world mourns Michael Jackson

CAIRO (AP)—A Bahraini royal mourned him publicly, young Lebanese held a candlelight tribute, Egyptian musicians hailed him as an inspiration.

Beyond his global reach, Michael Jackson held a special place in the Muslim world, as one of the first major Western entertainers to break through cultural barriers in the 1980s.

Some made a connection with the pop icon because of rumors, never substantiated, that he had converted to Islam. Others embraced him as one of their own after he sought refuge in the Gulf emirate of Bahrain in 2005, following a bruising trial on child molestation charges in the U.S.

"God have mercy on him. He was a Bahraini. He lived with us," said Jassim Ali, 35, shopping for Jackson CDs on Saturday in a music store in the capital, Manama.

Jackson only spent a year in the emirate, as a guest of Sheik Abdulla bin Hamad Isa Al Khalifa, a son of Bahrain's king and an aspiring songwriter who had befriended the entertainer. Jackson kept a low profile there, largely staying close to his host.

After Jackson's departure, the sheik sued Jackson for $7 million, saying he had failed to fulfill a joint music venture, but the two settled in November, with terms not disclosed.

The sheik said Saturday, in a statement in the Gulf Daily News, that "the world has lost a giant in the music industry."

"We are all very saddened by that," Al Khalifa said in comments confirmed by his spokesman.

Across the Arab world, the tributes to Jackson, who died Thursday, mirrored those elsewhere around the globe, though some argued the singer had a special appeal in the region.

"Religion is a big part of identity in this part of the world, and the idea he became Muslim boosted his popularity," said Egyptian cultural critic Tarek el-Shinnawi.

The conversion rumors were fueled, in parts, by comments by Jackson's brother, Jermaine, a convert to Islam, who has said his brother showed interest in the faith. In November, a British tabloid claimed Michael Jackson converted at a friend's home in Los Angeles.

The Jackson brothers were raised as Jehovah's Witnesses.

Others simply loved Michael Jackson for his music. At his peak, in the 1980s, a time without Internet and satellite TV, the Arab world was more shielded from Western pop culture. Jackson was one of the few successful crossover artists.

In Egypt, keyboarder and music distributor Fady Badr traveled to Alexandria to take a few days off work to come to terms with the pop star's death.

"He's the reason I got into this business," said 28-year old Badr. "Everything he did was new, he had such a power of voice and style; this industry would wait for his new ideas to get us inspired."

A manager of the Cairo Jazz Club, Shady Hamza, said that he was flooded by calls from local bands and musicians to help arrange a tribute night to the singer.

"I feel like I lost a brother," said Hamza, 30. "He turned so many of us into the whole music thing - for a lot of musicians, Michael Jackson was their first encounter."

In Lebanon, about 100 young fans lit candles and sang along to his songs in a downtown street lined with bars and restaurants. A few tried to moon walk while others cheered.

Sharpton to meet with Jackson family on memorial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Jackson family is considering a series of simultaneous global celebrations and other ideas as they decide how to commemorate the life of the King of Pop, the Rev. Al Sharpton said Saturday.

Sharpton is a longtime family friend who plans to meet with the family Sunday.

Sharpton said he has spoken with Michael Jackson's brothers Jackie and Jermaine, and they asked him to meet with the entire family to discuss how best to remember the legend who died Thursday at age 50.

Michael's father, Joe Jackson, "seemed very saddened but determined to keep going and protect his son's legacy," Sharpton said.

The family is frustrated that so much of the media attention has focused on Michael Jackson's problems, such as his heavy debts, previous child abuse allegations and his use of prescription drugs, Sharpton said.

His family wants to make sure he's also remembered as a groundbreaking entertainer who made unprecedented contributions to music and culture.

Sharpton said the family is considering his idea of having massive, simultaneous celebrations of Jackson's life across the globe, so "the media would have to be focused about how millions of people felt about him."

"Michael Jackson was a genius, he wasn't a freak," Sharpton said.

The family is particularly concerned with creating an upbeat view of Jackson for the sake of his three young children, Sharpton said.

"They are very worried about his children ... that they don't grow up with a distorted world view," he said.

Sharpton, who had known Michael Jackson and his family for more than two decades, also said the family is frustrated over the notion that they had little contact with Jackson.

Michael and his children joined the rest of his family at the recent 60th wedding anniversary of his parents, Sharpton said.

Michael Jackson also told his brothers he wanted them to join him during the planned comeback shows in London.

Kevin Bacon performs on Pikes Peak

DENVER (AP)—Actor Kevin Bacon hiked 14,110-foot (4,300-meter) Pikes Peak Saturday to play a concert at the top as part of an event to raise money for a cancer charity.

Bacon woke up before dawn to make the roughly six-hour climb with his brother, Michael, and about 95 hikers at an event to raise money for the Love Hope Strength Foundation cancer charity.

Michael Bacon's wife and son also joined the hike in weather that switched from chilly to sunny and back.

"It's one of the hardest things I've ever done physically," Kevin Bacon said after the trek. "I'm in pretty good shape, but it still really kicked my ass."

At the mountaintop, Bacon took a puff of oxygen before The Bacon Brothers performed three songs.

Cy Curnin of rock group The Fixx hiked with the group, and played his song "Remember Me When I'm Gone" in a tribute to Farrah Fawcett, who died Thursday after battling anal cancer.

The Love Hope Strength Foundation has held fundraising concerts at Machu Picchu in Peru and Mount Everest to raise money for cancer centers and to raise awareness about bone marrow donation. The Bacon Brothers got involved through a friend of a friend who leads the foundation.

After the climb, the brothers rushed from Colorado Springs to Denver for a nighttime concert to raise money for the foundation—a long day for the folk-rock duo.

"When I'm in Los Angeles I go for a few hikes a week, but I don't go out for six hours at 14,000 feet (4,300 meters)," Kevin Bacon said. "That was new."

Actor Kevin Bacon takes the hand of his wife actress Kyra Sedgwick, star of "The Closer," during a ceremony honoring her with a star on the Hollywood Walk of fame Monday, June 8, 2009, in Los Angeles.

AP

Private funeral announced for Fawcett

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A private funeral service will be held Tuesday for Farrah Fawcett at the Cathedral of Our lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles.

Church officials say the service is set for 4 p.m.

Fawcett died Thursday from a rare cancer. She was 62.

The actress, best known for her role in TV's "Charlie's Angels," chronicled her battle with cancer in a documentary called "Farrah's Story" that aired last month.

Tardy dinner guest gets a helping of hurt feeling

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I was recently invited to a friend's home for dinner. When I arrived just a few minutes past the time I was told the meal would be served, I found that everyone had finished eating. I was asked if I'd like something to eat and offered a plate, but refused because I would have felt uncomfortable eating alone while everyone else stood around visiting. I stayed about an hour and left.

The next day, I tried to explain to my friends that I felt like a fool walking in expecting to join them for dinner only to see it was over. I told them I thought it was rude of them to eat before all their guests had arrived. They felt that because everyone else had arrived earlier in the day and the food was ready, that it was OK. They also said I shouldn't have gotten so upset about it.

Now I feel I have caused hard feelings between us and I should have just kept my mouth shut. Was it wrong to tell them how I felt? Am I wrong in thinking you should wait for all your guests to arrive before starting a meal?

HURT IN WASHINGTON

DEAR HURT: If the invitation read, "Come between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m." and you were the last to arrive "a few minutes past the time the meal was to be served," then I can understand why the other guests started without you. However, if you were told that dinner was scheduled for 6 o'clock and when you arrived you were offered their leftovers, then your feelings are understandable.

Should you have spoken up? I think friends should be able to level with each other. And I find it interesting that telling them your feelings put them on the defensive.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Ted," a widower, for two years. Ted has two daughters in their 20s. One is a college student; the other is a professional woman. Both girls still live at home. The problem in our relationship is that Ted allows them to dictate what he can and cannot do.

I have been patient and understanding about the situation. Ted's wife died three years ago, at age 50. The family was close. I feel Ted is leading two lives—one I am not a part of, which includes his friends, and our life, which includes my friends and family. Ted comes to my place and gets along with my 20-something sons with ease, but when I suggest going to his house, he refuses. He says his girls want nothing to do with me and tell him I'm not welcome.

His daughters have attempted more than once to sabotage our relationship, but I continue to be patient. Ted has said the girls need counseling, but they refuse. I suggested he go and then they could join him. Abby, how can a parent make adult children realize he needs to move on and live a happy, healthy life?

BIDING MY TIME IN ROCHESTER

DEAR BIDING: Ted will not be able to convince his daughters until he accepts that reality himself and makes clear to them that he expects his friends to be treated with the same respect and good manners he treats theirs. However, what I find troubling about your situation is that he has never introduced you to any of his friends, either.

I agree that Ted appears to be living two lives. I also agree that he could benefit from counseling. But the question you should be asking yourself—not me—is how long you intend to tolerate the status quo.

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By Bill Waterson

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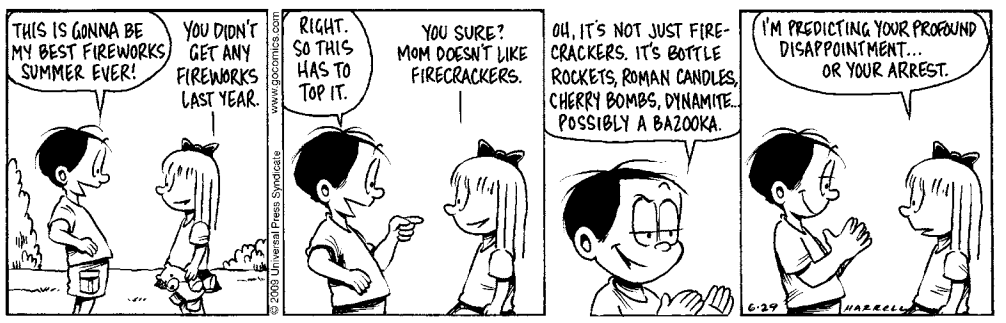
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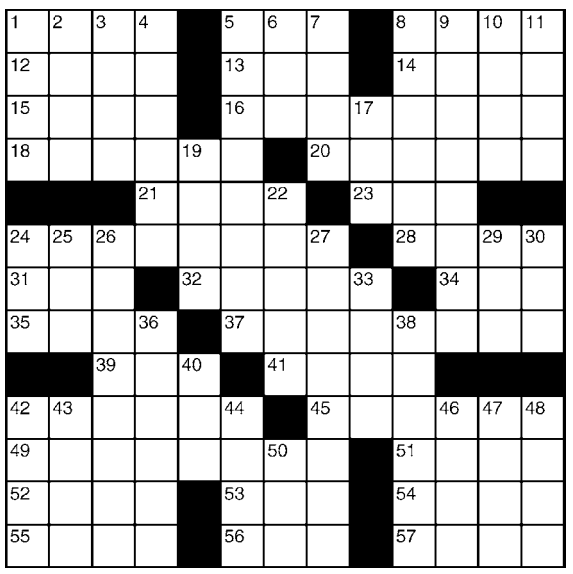

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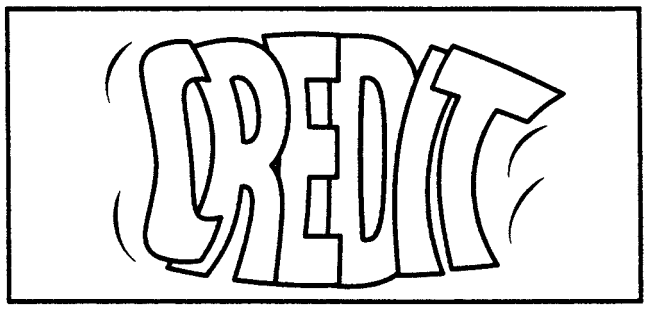

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Teenager stuns ex-No. 1 Jankovic at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)—As a tyke growing up in Marietta, Ga., Melanie Oudin would watch Venus and Serena Williams on TV and tell anyone who would listen that she was going to play at Wimbledon, too, one day.

Who knew she'd be right? And do so well, so quickly?

Making her Wimbledon debut at age 17 after getting through qualifying, the 124th-ranked Oudin joined the Williams sisters in the fourth round at the All England Club by beating former No. 1 Jelena Jankovic 6-7 (8), 7-5, 6-2 Saturday in the most startling result of the tournament's opening week.

"Was just thinking that she was any other player, and this was any other match, and I was at any other tournament—you know, not, like, on the biggest stage, at Wimbledon, playing my first top-10 player," Oudin said. "I mean, I go into every match the exact same, you know, like, no matter who I play. It's not, like, 'Oh, my gosh, I'm playing the No. 1 player in the world.'"

Another U.S. qualifier, 133rd-ranked Jesse Levine of Boca Raton, Fla., couldn't extend his run in the men's tournament, losing to No. 19 Stanislas Wawrinka 5-7, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3. That leaves No. 6 Andy Roddick as the last American man in the tournament.

The only time Oudin really lost her way was when her match ended and it was time to leave Court 3, a patch of grass known as "The Graveyard of Champions," because of the long list of stars upset there. She wasn't quite sure where to go and asked someone to direct her toward the exit.

Not all that surprising, when you consider that a year ago, Oudin entered the junior event at Wimbledon—seeded No. 1 among the girls—and failed to make it out of the second round, losing 6-1, 6-3 to eventual champion Laura Robson of Britain.

Yet there Oudin was Saturday, outlasting 2008 U.S. Open runner-up Jankovic over nearly 3 hours, then calling Mom and Dad back home to share in the revelry.

"My emotions are all over the place," Oudin's father, John, said in a telephone interview. "When I think about watching Bjorn Borg and Boris Becker in their starched whites at Wimbledon, I just can't believe Melanie is there. It's hardly any words other than, 'Wow!' We've been saying a lot of that. Just, 'Wow!'"

Shortly after his daughter's victory, he and Oudin's mother, Leslie, began scouring the Internet for flights. Even Grandma—who encouraged Melanie and twin sister Katherine to take up tennis—might make the overseas trip to see Oudin face No. 11 Agniesza Radwanska of Poland on Monday with a quarterfinal berth at stake, heady stuff for someone who was 0-2 at Grand Slam tournaments until this week.

Then again, Oudin—it's pronounced "oo-DAN," on account of her father's French ancestry—long has shown ambition.

"My goal has always been, since I was little, to become No. 1 in the world one day," she said.

The only time Oudin showed signs of nerves during the most important match of her nascent career came in the opening set. She held four set points, and blew them all with unforced errors.

Melanie Oudin, left of U.S. greet Jelena Jankovic of Serbia at the net after their third round singles match at Wimbledon, Saturday, June 27, 2009.

AP

"Rushed them. Played undisciplined tennis," said Oudin's coach, Brian de Villiers. "She played the occasion, rather than the point. But, hey, it's understandable."

When that 66-minute set ended, Jankovic had the lead, but she clearly was in trouble on a sunny day with the temperature in the 80s. A trainer and doctor came out to measure her pulse and blood pressure, and she began to cry. They put bags of ice on Jankovic's legs and abdomen, then the back of her neck, and gave her an energy drink to sip.

"I felt really dizzy, and I thought that I was just going to end up in the hospital. I started to shake," said Jankovic, who blamed her difficulty partly on what she called "woman problems."

"I was feeling quite weak. No power," Jankovic said. "I wasn't the same player."

While Oudin was working on her big win, five-time Wimbledon Venus Williams was enjoying a matter-of-fact contest on Centre Court, winning the first eight games en route to a 6-0, 6-4 victory over 34th-ranked Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain. The only other time they played, on a hard court at the Australian Open in January, Suarez Navarro knocked off Williams in the second round.

"Completely different circumstances," noted the third-seeded Williams, whose younger sister Serena advanced Friday.

At Wimbledon, the elder Williams has won 17 consecutive matches and 29 straight sets, and is trying to become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1991-93 to win three consecutive titles. Next up: 2008 French Open champion and former No. 1 Ana Ivanovic, who is seeded 13th and eliminated No. 18 Samantha Stosur 7-5, 6-2.

Williams was pleased to have an American not named Williams stick around for Week 2.

"Super-good news," said Williams, who called Oudin "so enthusiastic about tennis and about life, enjoying herself, very well-adjusted."

Oudin's parents and her 11-year-old sister, Christina, gathered with about 30 other people at the Racquet Club of the South in suburban Atlanta to eat breakfast while watching Saturday's match—although because U.S. TV coverage didn't begin until an hour in, they had to follow most of the first set on the Web.

"No strawberries and cream," John Oudin said, "but it was still delightful fun."

Oudin lost the first set of her opening qualifying match, and also dropped the first set in each of her first two main-draw matches, against 29th-seeded Sybille Bammer and 74th-ranked Yaroslava Shvedova. So overcoming a deficit against Jankovic didn't seem impossible.

"I was right there with her every single point," said Oudin, who during changeovers munched on raisins plucked from those little red boxes kids use for school lunches. "So I knew I could do it if I just kept trying and kept fighting."

She wasn't the only teen who turned in a significant win: 19-year-old Sabine Lisicki of Germany beat two-time major champion Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-2, 7-5. When the match ended, as her parents and best friend watched from the stands, Lisicki sat in her chair, her body shaking as she sobbed.

The 41st-ranked Lisicki now meets yet another teen, No. 9-seeded Caroline Wozniacki, and No. 1 Dinara Safina will play 2006 Wimbledon champion Amelie Mauresmo.

Williams has won five of six previous matches against Ivanovic, who nonetheless said: "Very dangerous opponent, but I think I have a great chance."

Sometimes, such head-to-head records are irrelevant, and sometimes past is prologue: No. 6 Roddick entered Saturday 8-0 against No. 26 Jurgen Melzer and now is 9-0 after a 7-6 (2), 7-6 (2), 4-6, 6-3 victory. But No. 20 Tomas Berdych improved from 0-8 to 1-8 against No. 12 Nikolay Davydenko by winning 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Elsewhere, No. 3 Andy Murray's bid to end Britain's 73-year wait for a male champion continued with a straight-set win against No. 30 Viktor Troicki; No. 24 Tommy Haas and No. 29 Igor Andreev wrapped up victories in matches suspended Friday because of darkness; and 2002 champion Lleyton Hewitt, No. 8 Gilles Simon, No. 23 Radek Stepanek and 2003 French Open Juan Carlos Ferrero also advanced. Ferrero, a former No. 1 now ranked 70th, needed a wild-card invitation to get into the field, but he beat No. 10 Fernando Gonzalez 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 on Court 1 as a light rain fell.

There was some consideration given to moving the conclusion of that match to Centre Court, where the new retractable roof was closed, just in case. But Ferrero and Gonzalez finished, and the roof has yet to be used as a barrier against wet weather.

Goydos leads by 1 after third round of Travelers

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP)—Paul Goydos birdied five holes on the back nine Saturday and held a one-stroke lead over Kenny Perry after the third round of the Travelers Championship.

Goydos' 28-foot putt from off the green on the 16th highlighted a third-round 63, tying Hunter Mahan for the best round of the day.

"I had a circus putt on 16," Goydos said. "Again, it was turning lemons into lemonade. Those are the things that are the difference between maybe shooting 68 today and 63."

Perry, who led after each of the first two rounds, had a seemingly comfortable three-stroke lead after birdies on 11 and 12. But he dropped a stroke on the 14th and Goydos took advantage, making four straight birdies starting on the par-5 13th.

After a rain delay of just over an hour, both golfers parred in. Perry missed a 5-foot birdie try on 18 that would have given him a share of the lead minutes after Goydos misread the break on a 10-footer.

"When it gets dark I don't see very good, I never had and I complain every time," Perry said. "I can't see the lines when it gets dark and that's just the way it was."

David Toms shot a 66 and was in third place at 14-under par. Toms didn't make his first bogey of the tournament until Saturday on the par-4 10th hole, when he missed a 5-foot par putt. It was his only bogey of the round and broke a streak of 45 straight holes at par or better.

John Merrick held the lead several times during the round after making birdie on five of his first seven holes. But a double-bogey on 12 led to a three-stroke swing and put Perry back on top. Merrick finished with a 65, and was tied with Casey Wittenberg, three strokes behind the leaders at 13-under.

Wittenberg chipped in from 51 feet on the 16th hole and made five birdies on the back nine.

"I got in a groove there," he said.

Bo Van Pelt's 23-foot birdie putt on the par-4 18th capped a round of 64 that left him at 12-under for the tournament and in a three-way tie for sixth place with Tag Ridings and Ben Curtis.

"I've got to hit some fairways Sunday to go low enough to scare anybody," Van Pelt said. "There are going to be some low scores Sunday. You better have your ears pinned back and go get some birdies."

Mahan, who seems to always play well in Cromwell, shot a 63 to move into contention. Mahan got his only Tour win here in 2007 and finished tied for second in 2006 and 2008. On Saturday, he birdied five consecutive holes to get to 11 under.

"I wish I could find more courses that suit me like this one," Mahan said. "I just like it. It suits my eye. It's a fun course. You can make a lot of birdies, and I just have a lot of confidence when I play here."

U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover was seven strokes behind after his second 65 in three days.

The golfers had to finish the second round early Saturday morning, before starting round three.

Jason Bohn made the most of it, knocking in a 127-yard approach on his final hole of the round for an eagle that moved him to 3-under par, and allowed him to make the cut. He shot 67 in the third round is 6-under par going into Sunday.

Suzuki matches his multihit high for Mariners

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki matched his career high with a seventh straight multi-hit game as the Mariners beat the majors-leading Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 on Saturday in interleague play.

Suzuki went 3 for 5 to raise his major league-leading average to .375.

Seattle's Felix Hernandez pitched eight innings, giving up only an unearned run, striking out nine and walking just one.

Ken Griffey Jr. and Russell Branyan each hit home runs for the Mariners, who learnt before the game that third baseman Adrian Beltre will be out for up to eight weeks following shoulder surgery.

AP

Seattle Mariners right fielder Ichiro Suzuki, of Japan, tracks a pop fly hit by Los Angeles Dodgers' Juan Pierre (not shown) in the first inning of an baseball game in Los Angeles, Saturday, June 27, 2009.

Red Sox 1, Braves 0

In Atlanta, knuckleballer Tim Wakefield pitched six scoreless innings as Boston edged the punchless Atlanta.

Wakefield came up with a performance worthy of the day he tied Roger Clemens for the most career starts by a Red Sox pitcher at 382. His knuckleball was really fluttering on a sweltering day at Turner Field and the Braves managed just three singles off the 42-year-old right-hander.

Wakefield became the American League's third 10-game winner, joining Minnesota's Kevin Slowey and Toronto's Roy Halladay.

Atlanta's Javier Vazquez pitched well enough to win. He struck out eight to claim the National League strikeout lead from San Francisco's Tim Lincecum, but a brief spurt of wildness in the sixth was costly as Mark Kotsay drove in the sole run with a single.

Phillies 10, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, J.A. Happ pitched a shutout as Philadelphia trounced Toronto.

In the first complete game of his career, Happ struck out four and didn't walk a batter, winning for the first time in four starts and helping the Phillies snap a three-game losing streak.

Jayson Werth hit a towering two-run drive into the upper deck. His blast was the 14th in the 20-year history of Rogers Centre to reach that far, and the first since 2004.

Cardinals 5, Twins 3

In St. Louis, Albert Pujols hit a pair of two-run homers, helping St. Louis down Minnesota.

Pujols leads the majors with 28 homers and 74 RBIs after his 29th career multihomer game, sixth this season and second in six days. Both homers came off 10-game winner Kevin Slowey, whose bid to take the major league lead in victories failed, and Pujols' second long ball put the Cardinals ahead 5-3 in the third.

Slowey lasted only three innings, matching his shortest outing of the season, giving up five runs.

Yankees 5, Mets 0

In New York, pitcher A.J. Burnett combined with two relievers on a one-hitter as the Yankees rolled past the Mets again in New York's subway series.

Yankees Nick Swisher and Jorge Posada made Citi Field seem small with opposite-field homers.

The depleted Mets have been outscored 14-1 and outhit 22-4 in the first two games of the series.

Burnett struck out a season-high 10 in seven innings.

Rays 3, Marlins 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Willy Aybar broke a ninth-inning tie with a pinch-hit sacrifice fly, giving Tampa Bay victory over Florida.

With one out in the ninth, Jason Bartlett singled, stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch. He scored easily on Aybar's fly ball to center field, as the Rays won their fourth straight to climb a season-best six games over .500.

Tampa Bay's Carlos Pena hit his AL-leading 23rd home run of the season.

The Marlins went 0 for 6 with runners in scoring position and are 1 for 16 in those situations while dropping the first two games of the series.

Brewers 7, Giants 6

In Milwaukee, Prince Fielder hit a three-run homer in the sixth and then knocked in the winning run as the Milwaukee rallied with three runs in the ninth for a thrilling win over San Francisco.

After Corey Hart's RBI single, J.J. Hardy slapped a shot off the glove off the second baseman and Matt Gamel raced from second to beat the throw home and tie the game. One out later, Fielder doubled into the right-field corner.

The Giants had gone ahead 6-4 in the top of the inning on two sacrifice flies.

Astros 8, Tigers 1

In Houston, the hosts used a five-run third inning to pull away from Detroit.

It was Houston's third straight win and gave the Astros the series victory in this interleague matchup which ends Sunday.

Rookie Houston pitcher Felipe Paulino threw seven solid innings. Coming off the disabled list, it was his first win as a starter after getting his other victory in relief.

White Sox 8, Cubs 7

In Chicago, Gordon Beckham singled in the winning run with two outs in the ninth, giving the White Sox a dramatic win over the Cubs in the Chicago derby.

White Sox' Scott Podsednik homered while tying a career high with four hits.

With the game tied 7-7 and one out, a single to left started the winning rally. The pinch runner moved to second on a grounder, and the next batter was walked. Beckham ended it with a long drive to right and got mobbed near second base by his celebrating teammates.

Padres 7, Rangers 3

In Arlington, Texas, San Diego had a season-high 16 hits in beating Texas.

Rookie Kyle Blanks drove in three runs. Called up last week from the minors, Blanks had the first RBI of his career with a double in the second. He added a two-run double in the fifth that gave San Diego a 6-1 lead.

The Rangers lost for the first time in four games and dropped out of the first place in the AL West for the first time since May 5.

Angels 2, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Mike Napoli hit a tiebreaking home run in the top of the ninth inning to lift Los Angeles over Arizona.

Napoli hit an one-out pitch 428 feet to center field to give the Angels their fourth straight win.

Los Angeles also improved its major league-best record in interleague play this season to 13-4.

Arizona has lost four straight. The D-backs are 0-7-1 in their past eight home series, and haven't won a series at home since May.

Rockies 11, Athletics 9

In Oakland, California, Brad Hawpe hit the 100th home run of his career, one of four hit by Colorado's surging offense in the win over Oakland.

Hawpe's two-run blast in the first marked the ninth time in 10 games the Rockies have hit at least one homer. Colorado has 20 overall during that stretch.

Rockies pitcher Jorge De La Rosa pitched six strong innings, giving up two runs before Colorado's bullpen blew most of an 11-2 lead.

Pirates 6, Royals 2

In Pittsburgh, the hosts notched a fourth straight win by overcoming Kansas City.

Delwyn Young homered and drove in a career-high four runs to lead the Pirates, who clinched a winning record in interleague play for only the second season since it was adopted 12 years ago.

Kansas City fell to a season-low 11 games under .500.

Reds 7, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Homer Bailey pitched five innings for his first major league win in nearly two years, guiding Cincinnatti past Cleveland.

Jay Bruce hit his 18th home run for the Reds, helping them to a 4-0 lead in the second inning.

Bailey was recalled from Triple-A earlier in the day to make his second start of the year. He labored through five innings, giving up three runs and seven walks.

Orioles 6, Nationals 3

In Baltimore, Nolan Reimold hit a three-run homer to lift Baltimore over Washington,

Gregg Zaun and Aubrey Huff had solo shots for the Orioles, who took a 4-3 lead in the fifth via Reimold's towering shot that dropped from a great height into the left-field seats.

The Baltimore bullpen was strong, giving up only three hits in the final four innings.

NBA BRIEFS

Shaq goes back to No. 33

CLEVELAND (AP)—Shaquille O'Neal hasn't picked out a house in Cleveland yet. He has chosen a jersey number—his old one. Shaq is going back to No. 33. Traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers on Thursday, the 15-time All-Star has decided to wear 33, the team confirmed Friday. That's the number O'Neal wore in high school and at LSU before turning pro. O'Neal wore No. 32 when he was in Orlando, Miami and Phoenix. When he was with the Los Angeles Lakers, O'Neal wore 34 because Nos. 32 and 33 were retired for Magic Johnson and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. O'Neal's trade—and the Orlando Magic's deal to get Vince Carter—overshadowed this year's NBA draft. The Cavaliers had been working on a possible trade for months with Phoenix for O'Neal and finally agreed to a package that sent Ben Wallace, Sasha Pavlovic, a second-round pick in next year's draft and $500,000 to the Suns.

Rubio does not attend Wolves press conference

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Ricky Rubio was not present when the Minnesota Timberwolves introduced their 2009 draft class on Friday. Sixth overall pick Jonny Flynn and 28th pick Wayne Ellington attended with new president David Kahn. But the Timberwolves say Rubio decided to stay behind because of his contract situation. The Wolves took Rubio with the fifth overall pick, but it's not clear when he'll be able to play in Minnesota. He has a $6.6 million buyout from his Spanish professional team. Both he and Kahn said Rubio may have to play at least one more year in Spain before coming to the NBA. Kahn says the Wolves will be patient through the negotiating process and can afford to wait a year or two for the point guard.

Nelson: Curry will stay with Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Stephen Curry can get comfortable with the Golden State Warriors. Coach Don Nelson isn't sending his newest high-scoring guard anywhere else. Nelson firmly declared the Warriors won't trade Curry on Friday, quashing suspicions about Golden State's intentions in selecting the former Davidson star who led the nation in scoring last season. "He can unpack his bags and relax," Nelson said after welcoming Curry to Oakland. "He can buy a house. We drafted him because we think he's a terrific player that fits right into our program. He ain't going anyplace." Nelson's unequivocal declaration was probably necessary: Although Curry was widely considered among the draft's most polished candidates, he seemed an odd choice for the Warriors. After all, guard Monta Ellis is just about the same size and plays much the same style of game, and Golden State is loaded with backcourt players.

Pacers' Bird sees himself in Hansbrough

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Tyler Hansbrough's path to the NBA looks familiar to Pacers president Larry Bird. Both entered their draft nights as 6-foot-9 forwards from small towns. Both could have left school early, but instead stayed and played in the national championship game. Both built reputations for being tireless workers, and both had doubters who said they weren't athletic enough to make it in the NBA. Bird eventually won three championships and three most valuable player awards for the Boston Celtics. He doesn't expect that from Hansbrough, but he believes Indiana's first-round pick will be a key to the Pacers' rebuilding effort. The Pacers introduced Hansbrough during a news conference Friday afternoon.

Reyes, Regis win NMBA doubles event

Northern Marianas Badminton Association treated its father-members with a special competition dubbed 2009 Papalicious Badminton Doubles Tournament held on June 20 at the REM court in Middle Road.

The one-day event was held Saturday, a day before the celebration of Father's Day.

Four pairs joined the tournament with the tandems of Robert Reyes and Victor Regis winning the double-elimination event.

Reyes and Regis debuted with a 21-14, 21-14 win over Edwin Montoya and Arnel Banzagale. The eventual champions then lost to Joseph Santos and Jojo Savellano in the second game, 13-21, 21-14, 17-21, before recovering in their third game. A 21-15, 21-14 triumph over Montoya and Banzagale moved Reyes and Regis to the finals.

Santos and Savellano topped Jojo Lazaro and Mario Diola in three sets in their first game, 13, 21, 21-7, 21-4, and gained the first finals ticket after outclassing Reyes and Regis in the winner's bracket semifinals.

Diola and Lazaro dropped to the loser's bracket and were paired against Montoya and Banzagale, who kept their finals bid alive after thwarting the former pair, 21-10, 21-19. However, Montoya and Banzagale bowed anew to Reyes and Regis, who then set a rematch with Santos and Savellano.

In their second faceoff, Reyes and Regis had the last laugh after cruising to a 21-15, 21-14 victory over Santos and Savellano. The champion duo received cash prizes and gifts from NMBA. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

From left, first placers, Robert Reyes and Victor Regis and runners-up Joseph Santos and Jojo Savellano show the prizes they won in the 2009 Papalicious Badminton Doubles Tournament held on June 20 at the REM court in Middle Road.

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business in the third period, as its quick ball movement, solid interior defense, and good shot selection resulted to a 20-10 scoring run in that canto and lifted the eventual gold medalist to a 45-32 lead.

After scoring eight points at the halfway mark of the third period, New Caledonia was held to a pair of free throws in the last five minutes of that quarter. Coach Angelo Francois-Elocie's wards could not get their inside game going and after a hot second quarter, Bernier's shots were not falling this time in the third period.

To make matters worse for New Caledonia, its physical-type of defense, which gave Australia a hard time in their first meeting, was not strong enough to push off Aussies frontliners.

Australia's big men scored 24 points in the paint against New Caledonia' 14 and help off the bench was also plenty for the Land Down Under, as the former got 33 points against the latter's 17.

New Caledonia never recovered in the fourth period, as it remained erratic and continued to have little luck with its outside shooting. An off-shooting night resulted to no New Caledonian finishing in double figures, as the best that Rodrigue Tetainanuarii could do was score eight points.

"We wanted them to put the ball down to the floor and let our defense take care of the rest. We also [did] not let them pull off uncontested shots," said Australia coach Paul Goriss, who admitted they had an easier time against New Caledonia in the finals than in their first meeting.

With Australia challenging most of New Caledonia's shots, the latter went only 17-of-84 for a disappointing 20.2 percent fieldgoal shooting.

"They were not as physical as they were in the elimination round. Maybe fatigue caught up with them in the finals and we came fitter in the gold medal game," Goriss added.

Joshua Wilcher paced Australia in the finals with his 14 points, while Jan Warbout added 11.

In the women's finals, New Zealand had a second-quarter collapse, helping Australia cruised to an easy victory.

Australia led by only two points at the end of the first period, 17-15. A dismal two-point production in the second quarter on Jelena Vucinic's layup spelled trouble for New Zealand, as Australia pulled away at halftime with a 43-17 lead.

Australia retained the double-digit advantage in the second half, as Twin Towers Caitlin Rowe and Hope Terdich pounded New Zealand's much smaller frontliners inside, while Rebecca Cole kept hitting short jumpers.

Cole paced the Aussies with 18 points, while Rowe and Terdich chipped in 16 and 11 markers, respectively.

In the bronze medal games, Guam won both in the men's and women's divisions after beating New Zealand and New Caledonia, respectively.

Women's Finals

Australia 68 – Cole 18, Caitlin 16, Terdich 11, Creed 6, Campigli 5, Seekamp 4, Murray 3, Mangos 3, Guest 2.

New Zealand 45 – Vucinic 9, Slatter 7, Hunter 5, Kensington 4, Moore 4, Caldwell 4, Gallaher 4, Connell 4, Milford 2, Gillespie 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-15, 43-17, 58-30, 68-45.

Men's Finals

Australia 62 – Wilcher 14, Warbout 11, Hill 8, Maxwell 7, Phillips 7, Daly 5, Simpson 5, Mullan 3, Bairstow 2.

New Caledonia 44 – Tetainanuarii 8, Bernier 7, Mathelon 7, R. Weber 6, Souria-Ouamba 5, Saminadin 4, B. Weber 4, Taufana 3.

Scoring by quarters: 19-7, 25-22, 45-32, 62-44.

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awards ceremony for the tournament held Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Santos was a consistent double figure scorer for Guam and averaged 12.6 in six games. She fired 21 points in Guam's 61-59 overtime win over New Caledonia in the bronze medal game.

Kensington had an average of 17 points per game in the elimination round, before combining for only five points in the semifinals and gold medal game. Her biggest production was against the CNMI, as she scored 21 points in the team's 139-27 win.

Fenuafanote collected 48 points in four games in the round-robin elimination for an average of 12 points per match and had combined 16 markers in the semis and bronze medal games.

The 6'3" Rowe played only three games in the elimination round, but still averaged in double figures with 16.6 points per match. She sat out in Australia's 97-21 demolition of the CNMI, but came up with good numbers in the last two games, firing 10 in the semis and 16 in the finals.

Tetainanuarii totaled 76 points in six games for an average of 12.3 points per game, Blas collected 95 points (15.8 average), Daly earned 41 points (6.8), and Makavilitogia compiled 28 (5.6) in five games.

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For his part, Saipan Bowling Association official Ross Zapanta said the club will be extending monetary incentive for Angeles' feat.

Benny Pangelinan was the first CNM bowler to roll a perfect game on March 10, 1982. Nine days later Jaime Sasamoto duplicated the feat when he hit 300 on March 19, 1982.

It would take nearly 22 years before the CNMI saw another 300 game when Jonathan Hensley bowled a perfect game on Feb. 10, 2004, and it appeared the youth kegler's accomplishment opened the floodgates as it was followed by Dannie Robles' perfect game on Aug. 26, 2005.

Talavera and youth bowler Raymond Zapanta did the trick three days apart on Feb. 15 and 18, 2006, with Talavera following it up with his second 300 game in July 15, 2006.

Richard Leong and Arnel Del Rosario joined the club a mere 10 days apart with Leong rolling his on July 24, 2006, followed by Del Rosario's on Aug. 2, 2006.

Efren Cacdac's 300 game on June 22, 2007, was then followed by Talavera's amazing 300 games in back-to-back nights three months later.

It would take close to two years before another bowler rolled a perfect game when Angeles joined the 300 club last Friday.

Angeles, Cacdac, and Robles rolled their perfect games at the Capital Bowling Center, while the other seven—Pangelinan, Sasomoto, Hensley, Zapanta, Leong, Del Rosario, and Talavera (all three of them)—accomplished theirs at the Saipan Bowling Center.

YO' MAMA

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Game 2. Ur Balls won Game 1, 16-6, to force a deciding Game 2. Yo'Mama was undefeated in the round-robin elimination round thus earned a twice-to-beat advantage in the finals.

Centerfielder Ray Cepeda started Game 2 with a solo homer, while third batter and shortstop Toi Celis blasted a two-run homer that drove Jerry Ayuyu home.

After a good start, Yo'Mama went cold in the next three innings, while Ur Balls had a three-run bottom of the fourth, capitalizing on the former's errors to tie the game.

However, Yo'Mama regained the lead after five complete innings, 6-3, with Cepeda nailing his second homer and two other runners making it home.

At the top of the sixth inning, Yo' Mama made it 11-3, as four of the team's first five batters hit homers. Cepeda began the top of the sixth with a solo homer, while Toi Celis brough Ayuyu home, anew with his over-the-fence home run. Byron Kaipat, Joey Dela Cruz, and B.J. Attao also had one homers apiece.

Ur Balls answered with four runs at the bottom of the sixth, but failed to complete a come-from-behind win over Yo'Mama when it scored only one run at the bottom of the seventh.

Other members of Yo'Mama team were Janice Camacho, Marvin Palacios, Phil Celis, and Skayp Palacios.

Five other teams joined the fundraiser, namely Karidat, Pac Chain, Laly 4, Na Hurts, and the Hitters. All proceeds from the tournament will be given to the family of Roque Celis, who is undergoing treatment in the Philippines.

Janice Camacho, who organized the tournament with Roque's son, Roy, thanked all members of the softball and baseball community for supporting the three-day tournament.

Games in the elimination round in the fundraiser were played at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield last Friday and Saturday before teams moved to the Capital Hill for the playoffs.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	46	28	.622	–
New York	42	32	.568	4
Tampa Bay	41	35	.539	6
Toronto	41	35	.539	6
Baltimore	34	40	.459	12

Central Division

Detroit	41	33	.554	–
Minnesota	38	38	.500	4
Chicago	36	38	.486	5
Kansas City	31	42	.425	9 1/2
Cleveland	31	45	.408	11

West Division

Los Angeles	40	32	.556	–
Texas	40	33	.548	1/2
Seattle	38	36	.514	3
Oakland	31	42	.425	9 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	38	34	.528	–
New York	37	36	.507	1 1/2
Florida	38	38	.500	2
Atlanta	34	40	.459	5
Washington	21	51	.292	17

Central Division

Milwaukee	40	34	.541	–
St. Louis	41	35	.539	–
Cincinnati	36	37	.493	3 1/2
Chicago	35	36	.493	3 1/2
Houston	35	37	.486	4
Pittsburgh	35	39	.473	5

West Division

Los Angeles	48	27	.640	–
San Francisco	39	34	.534	8
Colorado	39	35	.527	8 1/2
San Diego	32	41	.438	15
Arizona	30	45	.400	18

Yesterday's Games

Philadelphia 10, Toronto 0
St. Louis 5, Minnesota 3
Boston 1, Atlanta 0
Chicago White Sox 8, Chicago Cubs 7
L.A. Angels 2, Arizona 1
Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 3
Houston 8, Detroit 1
Pittsburgh 6, Kansas City 2
Baltimore 6, Washington 3
Tampa Bay 3, Florida 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, N.Y. Mets 0
San Diego 7, Texas 3
Colorado 11, Oakland 9
Seattle 5, L.A. Dodgers 1

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

CROMWELL, Connecticut (AP) – Scores Saturday at the Travelers Championships, a $6 million event at the 6,837-yard, par-72 TPC River Highlands:

SECOND ROUND

Kenny Perry	61-68—129
David Toms	65-65—130
Ryan Moore	66-65—131
Paul Goydos	63-68—131
Aaron Watkins	65-67—132
Colt Knost	66-66—132
Anthony Kim	66-66—132
Ben Curtis	68-64—132
John Merrick	65-67—132
Casey Wittenberg	67-65—132
Chez Reavie	66-67—133
Michael Allen	68-65—133
Kyle Stanley	66-67—133
Bryce Molder	67-66—133
Tag Ridings	64-69—133
Spencer Levin	64-69—133
Chris Riley	67-67—134
Kevin Streelman	68-66—134
Mathew Goggin	65-69—134
D.J. Trahan	66-68—134
Bubba Watson	66-68—134
Jarrod Lyle	67-67—134
Kris Blanks	68-66—134
Johnson Wagner	66-68—134
Brian Gay	66-68—134
Brandt Snedeker	67-67—134
Charlie Wi	66-68—134
Bo Van Pelt	66-68—134
Matt Bettencourt	67-67—134
Mark Brooks	67-68—135
Jerry Kelly	65-70—135
Scott Verplank	67-68—135
Zach Johnson	67-68—135
Boo Weekley	64-71—135
Joe Durant	67-68—135
Jay Williamson	67-68—135
Bob Heintz	68-67—135
Aron Price	67-68—135
Robert Garrigus	66-69—135
Greg Chalmers	64-71—135
Ricky Barnes	65-70—135
Justin Leonard	69-66—135
Rich Beem	68-67—135
Charles Warren	63-72—135
Bill Lunde	67-68—135
Luke List	66-69—135
Tyler Aldridge	69-66—135
Jason Gore	68-68—136
Billy Mayfair	70-66—136
Y.E. Yang	65-71—136
Lucas Glover	65-71—136
Vijay Singh	66-70—136
Chad Campbell	67-69—136
Michael Letzig	70-66—136
Webb Simpson	67-69—136
Brendon de Jonge	70-66—136
Gary Woodland	69-67—136
Chris Stroud	71-65—136
Nick O'Hern	68-68—136
J.J. Henry	66-70—136
Sergio Garcia	67-69—136
Hunter Mahan	66-70—136
Will MacKenzie	68-68—136
Nathan Green	69-67—136
Kevin Sutherland	69-68—137
D.A. Points	65-72—137
Tim Petrovic	68-69—137
James Driscoll	68-69—137
Aaron Baddeley	69-68—137
Ryuji Imada	70-67—137
Vaughn Taylor	69-68—137
Olin Browne	70-67—137
Peter Lonard	67-70—137
Jesper Parnevik	67-70—137
Patrick Sheehan	67-70—137
Marc Leishman	71-66—137
Jason Bohn	67-70—137
Chris DiMarco	68-69—137
Scott McCarron	70-67—137
Lee Janzen	66-71—137

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The Week in Sports

Hoops heaven

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The interest of the public—sports and non-sports fans alike—was focused on the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament and its towering players who treated spectators to a great show.

Tall players from Australia and New Caledonia's men's teams wowed spectators at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium with their dunks and intimidating presence in the paint, while New Zealand and Guam also had their share of moments in the tournament, displaying some flashy moves. The CNMI, despite its underdog tag, showed some spunk with its daredevil drives, unmindful of the height and heft advantage of its much favored and experienced foes.

Not to be outdone were the female players of the five participating nations. Australia and New Zealand's centers and forwards were a force inside, while their guards had blinding quickness and impressive shooting hands. The CNMI, Guam, and New Caledonia's female players fought hard in every game and tried to foil an Australia-New Zealand finale.

However, the Kiwis and Aussies' level of competitiveness was several notches higher than the three others, thus their final showdown was imminent.

In the end, Australia won over New Zealand in the finals, and the delegation from the Land Down Under completed a sweep of the tournament, as its men's team also prevailed in the gold medal game against New Caledonia last Friday.

While curious spectators wanting to see how the CNMI will fare against four other squads packed the Ada Gym, faithful baseball fans stayed at the bleachers at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield for the playoff round of the 2009 Budweiser Saipan Major League Baseball.

The D-9ers and Ford Rangers outclassed Rock Steady and Tanapag Falcons, respectively, to set their best-of-five title series. Games 1 and 2 were played last week with the Rangers prevailing in both matches to move a win away from clinching the crown.

The Inaugural Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League is nearing its playoff round after playing make-up games last week at the JP Center Basketball Court in Garapan.

So far, only the Top 3 placers are finalized with G4S keeping the No. 1 spot and Fiesta Resorts & Spa Saipan getting the No. 2 seeding. Both teams are already in the semifinals, while Advance X-Terminators are assured of the No. 3 spot.

Still in basketball, the masters division of the 7th United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Basketball League resumed after having rain-suspended matches.

Boholanos pulled off a 100-89 upset over Bayani, while Cabalen edged MDX-Armatech, 79-75.

In the open division, NMBA broke into the win column after a 0-2 start, following a 145-93 rout of Cabalen, while MDX also whipped Samahang Manggagawang Filipino, 122-93, to remain unbeaten in four games.

The CNMI Junior and Big League All-Stars were also undefeated in the elimination round in the 2009 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament at the Gelora Bung Karno Baseball Field in Jakarta, Indonesia to advance to the finals.

The CNMI bets were scheduled to face Guam in both the Junior and Big League finals yesterday afternoon with the winners getting World Series entries.

Other notable performances last weekend were Rezne Wong's triumph in the Inaugural Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race around Managaha Island and Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel and Noriko Jim's victories in the 16th Annual Thomas Picarro Fun Run.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Guam, Australia, and New Caledonia players receive their medals during the awards ceremony for the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan standout Rezne Wong crosses the finish line in the Inaugural Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race held last June 20 in the waters around Managaha Island.

NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ

MARK RABAGO
Veteran runner Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel receives his prize from coordinator Wolf Mojica after topping last June 20's 16th Annual Thomas Picarro Fun Run held along the Saipan Beach Pathway.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Guam's William Stinnett (6) and CNMI's Oscar Ada (7) reach for the ball during their game in the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
New Caledonia's Jean Jacques Taufana is sandwiched by CNMI's Kelvin Fitial, left, and Oscar Ada, during their game in the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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The CNMI's Connie Camacho, right, and Lena Guzman, left, battle a Guam player for the loose ball during their game in the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of this year's Organizing Committee, we would like to extend our Thank you, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Ghilisow to everyone who in one way or another supported this year's

3rd Annual Saipan/Guam Youth Goodwill Baseball Tournament

Your generosity through in-kind or monetary donations is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. This year's Tournament was a huge success and it would have not been possible without your help.

We would especially like to thank the Teams from Guam for their continued support in this partnership program aimed at promoting Sportsmanship and Goodwill among our Youths.

2009 Team Participants
Guam Yona Eagles (Champions)
Guam Ol'Aces (3rd place)
Saipan As Matuis Twins (2nd place)
Saipan Little Falcons (4th place)
Guam Agana Heights Jaguars-T-Ball (Sportsmanship)
Saipan Tanapag Braves – T-Ball
Saipan Team"White" – T-Ball
Saipan Team "Red" – T-Ball

2009 Committee
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Hoops heaven
The interest of the public–sports and non-sports fans alike–was focused on the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament and its towering players who treated spectators to a great show. 27

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Teenager stuns ex-No. 1 Jankovic at Wimbledon
As a tyke growing up in Marietta, Ga., Melanie Oudin would watch Venus and Serena Williams on TV and tell anyone who would listen that she was going to play at Wimbledon, too, one day. 24

Aussies sweep FIBA Oceania caging

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Australia's Sean Mullan, left, goes for a layup against New Caledonia's Rodrigue Tetainanuarii during their gold medal game in the men's division of the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Australia's Caitlin Rowe, center, drives against two New Zealand defenders during their gold medal game in the women's division of the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Australia struck gold twice, winning both the men's and women's finals matches in the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament last Friday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Australia's men's team pushed all the right buttons in the finale en route to a 62-44 victory over New Caledonia, while the Land Down Under's women's squad triumphed over New Zealand, 68-45.

All finalists played two games in one day and despite the heat and fatigue, the Aussies still had enough juice left to win the gold medal matches.

A lethargic New Caledonia quintet in the first period allowed Australia to control the game early. The French colony was held to seven points in the opening period and trailed, 7-19, before seven straight points from Laurent Bernier brought New Caledonia back into the game, cutting the lead to three at halftime, 22-25.

However, Australia was back in

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10 *make* All-Stars Selection

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CNMI's Jericho Cruz and Connie Camacho were among the 10 players recognized for their outstanding individual performance during the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament.

Cruz made it to the Men's All-Stars Selection, joining New Caledonia's Rodrigue Tetainanuarii, New Zealand's Zachariah Makavilitogia, Guam's Joe Blas, and Australia's Thomas Daly.

Camacho, New Caledonia's Myriam Fenuafanote, New Zealand's Zoe Kensington, Guam's Derin Santos, and Australia's Caitlon Rowe comprised the women's division All-Stars.

Cruz debuted in the FIBA caging with a 16-point output against New Zealand. His biggest offensive night came in the CNMI's game against Micronesian rival Guam with the 6'0" forward notching 19 markers. Cruz slowed down in the Commonwealth's last two games, tallying 13 (against Australia) and eight points (against New Caledonia) for a 14-point average in the tournament.

In four games, he made seven triples, 12 rebounds, five assists, eight steals, and three blocks and went 13-of-18 from the foul line.

Camacho was the top scorer for CNMI in all four games. She logged 24 points against Guam, 12 against New Caledonia, 16 against New Zealand, and 10 against Australia for an average of 15.5 points. Camacho converted eight triples and 14 free throws and had five assists, eight steals, and nine rebounds.

All 10 members of the All-Stars Selection received trophies and certificates of recognition during the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Men's All-Stars, from left, Australia's Thomas Daly, New Zealand's Zachariah Makavilitogia, CNMI's Jericho Cruz, New Caledonia's Rodrigue Tetainanuarii, and Guam's Joe Blas.

Yo' Mama tops Roque fundraiser

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Yo' Mama ruled the a fundraising tournament for former Saipan Little League Baseball statistician Roque Celis after thwarting Ur Balls in Game 2 of the finals, 11-8, yesterday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

Yo'Mama had a hard time getting on base on hits, so it leaned on homers to foil Ur Balls' upset bid. The eventual champion made eight home runs in

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Yo' Mama shortstop Toi Celis throws to pitcher Jerry Ayuyu in the fifth inning of their finals game against Ur Balls in the fundraising tournament for former Saipan Little League Baseball statistician Roque Celis yesterday at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

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Angeles joins ranks of perfect gamers

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Former youth bowler Raymond Angeles became the 10th local bowler to roll a perfect game when he knocked down 300 pins at the Capital Bowling Center in the Friday Night League last June 26.

It was the first perfect game of 2009 and the first since Robert Talavera rolled 300 in consecutive nights in Sept. 23 and 24, 2007.

The 20-year-old Mt. Carmel School alumnus rolled every bowler's dream

Raymond Angeles rolled the first perfect game of 2009 when he knocked down 300 pins last Friday in the Friday Night League.

MARK RABAGO

in the second game of the league while suiting up for Ensure 300.

Angeles, who played Tekken in his PSP to calm his nerves in between shots, said he felt more relief than anything after the last of his 12 strikes.

"It's just the best feeling in the world. I felt numb the seventh frame onwards and it's just a big relief to finally make a perfect game," he said.

Angeles dedicated the perfect game to his birth father, Fernando Angeles, and adopted father Joe Velardo, who both recently passed away. He also is dedicating his roll of 300 to his late cousin Bernie Angeles, who passed away last May.

Avid bowler Kitz Barja, who is the general manager of Micronesian Brokers, Inc., gave kudos to Angeles' perfect game, saying that all of Angeles' shots were "perfect pocket strikes."

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